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Imran, Ghani call for new chapter in ties

PM says Pakistan supports intra-Afghan dialogue Wants stronger political, trade relations with Afghanistan



Some elements are not happy over the

growing ties between Pakistan and Afghanistan. We should remain alert," warns Qureshi

Pakistan and Afghanistan on Thurs-day agreed to forget the past and open a new chapter of friendship and part-nership based on mutual trust. Pakistan told the visiting Afghan President Dr Ashraf Ghani that Is-

President Dr Ashraf Ghani that Is-lamabad supported the reconciliation process in Afghanistan and warned Kabul to stay away from trouble-mak-

operate based on mutual trust and harmony for the benefit of the two peoples and countries and for advance ing the cause of peace, stability and prosperity in the region.

During a one-on-one meeting be-tween Prime Minister Imran Khan and President Dr Ashraf Ghani here, it

and President Dr Ashraf Ghani here, it was decided to remain in contact and work jointly for peace. Ghani also met President Arif Alvi and Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi.

The Afghan president is accompanied by a high-level delegation including ministers, advisers, senior officials and businessmen. The main one-one meeting with PM Khan was followed by delegation should be presented by the property of the

lowed by delegation-level talks. The two leaders exchanged views on the entire gamut of bilateral rela-

tions.

Over the weekend, Prime Minister
Khan said that Pakistan had "no favourite" in the upcoming presidential
elections. The PM, who met a delegation of senior Afghan leaders leading
different groups here, said Pakistan
respected the Afghan people's right to
observations and employee.

elect their leadership. The Afghan leaders had earlier participated in the Lahore Peace Pro-cess organised by the Lahore Centre-for Peace and Research in Bhurban. Fifty-seven Afghan politicians, includ-ing Hizb-elslami leader Gulbadin Hekmatyar, former Balkh governor Atta Mohammad Noor, Second Dep-uty Chief Executive Mohammad Mo-haqeq, and presidential candidate Abparticipated in the Lahore Peace Pro-

dul Latif Pedram, attended the peace conference in Pakistan.

The presidential election sched-uled for 28 September will be a key moment to reaffirm the legitimacy of Afghanistan's democratic political structure. There are significant opera-tional and technical challenges to be

President Ghani had undertaken a President Ghani had undertaken; a bilateral visit to Pakistan in Novem ber 2014 and later came to attend the Heart of Asia - Istanbul Process Minis terial Conference in Islamabad in De cember 2015.

Prime Minister Khan affirmed that Pakistan remained committed to bring about a qualitative transformation in Pak-Afghan relations as part

bring about a qualitative transformation in Pak-Afghan relations as part of his vision of a 'peaceful neighbour-hood'. The two leaders agreed on the importance of crafting a forward-looking vision of Pak-Afghan relations. The premier reiterated Pakistan's commitment to support the Afghan peace process as a shared responsibility. He underlined that an Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace process was the only viable option to end decades-long conflict in Afghanistan. In this regard, Pakistan supports a resultancient intra-Afghan dialogue.

Prime Minister Khan underscored Pakistan's respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Afghanistan and its commitment to stand by the Afghan people at this crucial juncture. He added that Pakistan remains committed to a peaceful, stable, democratic and prosperous Afghanistan and wishes to lawe stronger political, trade, economic, and people-to-people relations with Afghanistan.

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The two leaders agreed that endur-ing peace in Afghanistan would bring rich economic dividends to both th countries. They reaffirmed their com-mitment to work together to broaden and deepen bilateral trade, streamline transit trade, and strengthen efforts





ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan leads delegation-level talks with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani. Chief of the Army Staff General Qamar Javed Bajwa is also seen.-INP (Another picture on Page 03)

Opp again faces defeat on cut-motions

Treasury members show greater numerical strength in NA House sees rumpus when Shehbaz uses banned word against PM



Govt has borrowed Rs2.400b contrary to Opp claims

months of its tenure," says JAVAID-UR-RAHMAN ISLAMABAD

The opposition in the Thursday's National Assembly budget proceed-ings again failed to defeat the trea-sury in voting on the cut-motions as the government continues to main-tain its numerical strength.

Opp claims this to the control of its form in first 10 carries of its form. Says minister ministers and the control of its form. Says minister ministers a test to gauge the strength of the government in the house. If such a

motion is adopted, it amounts to a no-confidence vote and the govern-ment falls.

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The government, in the first attempt of opposition, defeated them with 26 votes. The opposition with 143 MNAs challenged the government whose 169 members were found to be present in the house

found to be present in the house. In the second attempt, the oppo-sition with her 136 members chal-lenged the government but were beat by 36 votes as the treasury had 172 MNAs in the house at the time. Interestingly, the bigwigs from both sides of aisle Prime Minister Imran Khan, Onoposition Leader She-Imran Khan, Onoposition Leader She-

Imran Khan, Opposition Leader She-hbaz Sharif and PPP Co-chairman

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari were pres-ent in the house when the opposi-tion apparently attempted to show its strength. RUMPUS OVER USE OF EXPUNGED

WORD

The house saw a rumpus when the Leader of Opposition in NA She hbaz Sharif twice uttered a word about Prime Minister Imran Khan which has already been bann ed by

which has accept each of the chair.

Sharif used the banned word for the prime minister in his presence, provoking a strong reaction from





It's 'hit men' versus 'helpless puppets'



Throughout the Thursday satting, the number strong op-position indeed kept the government on its toes to en-sure full presence of its members in the house. Pressing cut motions on energy-related issues, however, it could neither spin headline-grabbing stories nor cre-ate any significant embarrassment for treasury benches. Even a forced head count at one point, clearly showed

that the government and its allies had 26 more members present in house than 143 of the combined opposition. Sustaining such edge, the Imran government will smoothly leap through the procedural ropes and rites to get its first budget passed by the scheduled date, i.e., June 29.

Close to this head count, Prime Minister entered the

Cose to this nead count, Prime Minister entered the house. The treasury benches welcomed him with full-throated slogars and fierce desk thumping. Taking advantage of a point of order, Mian Shehbaz Sharif, the Opposition Leader, was wailing over the free fall of Pak rupee against the US dollar, when the Prime Minister entered the house.

In sycophantic binge, a huge group of the PTI



INSIDE

PM hints at extending amnesty scheme deadline

Says taxpayers to be made VIPs; money launderers to face jail

OUR STAFF REPORTER/APP ISLAMABAD

Prime Minister Imran Khan on Thursday hinted at extending the deadline of the Asset Declaration Scheme. "I am considering it (ex-tension) because there's a lot of tension) because there's a lot of pressure, and lots of people are saying that there is too little time left to register," he said. Prime Minister Khan said that within next 48 hours, the govern-ment would come up with a pro-

gramme to accommodate the pro-crastinators who had emerged in a huge number at the last moment to

huge number at the last moment to avail tax ammesty scheme expiring on June 30, 2019. Talking to PTV's special transmission "Aap Ka Paisa – Aap Kay Kaam", the prime minister said he had discussed with his Finance Adviser Abdul Hafeez Shaikh and FBR Chairman Shabbar Zaidi as how the government could facilitate such a people. He said it was being discussed whether the government should al-

low the people, complaining the paucity of time, to register within the deadline and get benefit from the scheme after June 30. Reiterating his call to the nation

to avail the tax amnesty scheme, the prime minister said being a non-filer

prime minister said being a non-filer was an illegal act. Besides, the country could not be steered out of the debt trap unless the people paid taxes.

He said inherited from the British colonialism the culture of tax evasion continued in Palistan because the people found that their tax money was not be-



Provincial and federal authorities must launch a special campaign to control prices, directs Imran

ing used for their welfare rather to support the luxuries of the ruling class.

To a question, he assured the people that he would safeguard them
from any harassment by any public
institutions after they came under
the tax net. He said along with the efforts to enhance the tax net, the government was also striving to reform
the FBR to end the mistrust as well as
get rid of the corrupt elements.

The prime minister also assured
the nation that their tax money
would be spent on them. He said for

the first time the government had reduced its expenditures with the salaries of the cabinet ministers reduced by 10 percent, PM House expenses by Rs300 million and freezing of the defence expenditures in this budget.

Recounting the philanthropic character of Pakistani nation, he said they could even collect Rs8,000 billion if they made a resolve.

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BUSINSS | PAGE 08

Unbriddled dollar hits Rs164 in interbank market

Rupee further lost its value by Rs1.84 against dollar and reached Rs164 in the interbank market. In the open market, the greenback is being traded at Rs164.25. SHOWBIZ | PAGE 20

Up, close & personal with Sara Bhatti

Sara Bhatti mode a phenomenal comeback with her power-packed performance in Dawar Mehmood and Anwar Magsood's theatre play Naachna Jaane - a prequel to Aangan Terha (the hit TV series from the 1980s).



SPORTS | PAGE 11

Babar terms his knock 'best' against Kiwis

Pakistan cricket teams most reliable batsman century make against New Zealand, Babar Azam, has termed his knock 'best', which doubled his joy with his team's success in the crucial match of the World Cup at Edgbaston ground



WORLDI PAGE 17

Trump-XI showdown to dominate G20 summit

aders from Group of 20 nations will meet in Osaka in its most important summit since the global financial crisis. When the G20 met in Washington in 2008, they were

focused on a mammoth task: how to piece the world economy back.



JATIONAL

Quick Read

NAB files reference against Mehtab Abbasi, others

ISLAMABAD (NOKHAIZ SAHI): The National Ac-countability Bureau Rawalpindi has filed corruption reference several people, including against senior leader of PML-N and former advisor Civil Aviation Mehtab Ahmed Khan Abba-si, Muhammad Irfan Elahi, ex- Secretary Civil Aviation, M. Raheel Ahmed, Chief H. Officer, Muhsarraf Rasool Cyan, former CEO PIA, Tariq Mehmood Pasha in illegal appointment of Muhsarraf Rasool Cyan as CEO PIA. er advisor Civil Aviation Rasool Cyan as CEO PIA.

As per details, Supreme Court of Pakistan vide order dated 22.07.2018 passed in Case No. 42697-S/2018, referred NAB to ascertain the validity of appointment of CEO, PIACL During investigation it was established that the accused Muhammad Irfan Elahi, former Secretary Civil Aviation, M. Raheel Ahmed, Chief HR Officer, Mehtab Ahmed Khan, Tariq Mehmood Pasha of Pakistan International Airlines Corporation dated 22.07,2018 passed in mal Airlin es Corporatio national Airlines Corporation Limited here in after referred as PIACL, knowingly with mollified intentions through misuse of authority ap-pointed accused Musharraf Rasool Cyan as Chief Execu-tive Officer(CEO) by violating relevant rules and laws.

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The last PML-N government had appointed the former Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
governor Mehtab Abbasi s aviation advisor to then as aviation advisor to then prime minister Nawaz Shar-if in 2017 and after a few months of Abbasi's appoint-ment, Dr Musharraf Rasool Cyan was also appointed CEO of PIA. After a year, the Supreme Court declared Dr Crant's avenintment, illeral Cyan's appointment illegal after hearing a case filed by the PIA officers' association challenging his appoint-ment. Justice Ijazul Ahsan, who headed the three-mem-her bench of the Supreme Court that gave the verdict, said: "Mehtab Abbasi was a party to the appointment." the PIA officers' association

said: "Mehtab Abbasi was a party to the appointment." The NAB's Executive Board Meeting (EBM) was chaired by chairman NAB Justice(Retd) Javed Iqbal had given the approval to file corruption references against accused persons in against accused persons in this case on the basis of mis-used authority and gave ap-proval of the appointment of Dr Cyan as CEO of PIA. They caused a loss of millions of rupees to national exche-quer through their wrong decision.

PTI govt has to

ISLAMABAD (SHAFOAT ALI): Former President Asif Ali Zardari yesterday said the op-position was unanimous to remove the PTI government, which, he claimed, has failed

Speaking to journalists here, Zardari said: "This government has to go. We are not against democracy but the in competent government." He

competent government." He said the opposition parties will finalise the name of new Chairman Senate soon.
"We have the numbers to replace the senate chairman. We will decide about it soon. All the opposition parties will decide the name of new chairman," he added. He said that Chairman Senate Satin. Sanjrani had not taken any that Chairman Senate Sadiq PPP co-Chsirman said the All Parties Conference this week

was successrui.

He said that all political
parties will together finalise
a future strategy which will
be good news for the people.



Gilgit Baltistan Chief Minister Hafiz Hafeezur Rehman rides a cycle during the opening ceremony of 'Tour de Khunjerab 2019' cycle rally.-APP

BNP-M to stay in PTI-led govt

Mengal (BNP-M) leader Sarda Mengal (BNP-M) leader Sardar Alkhar Mengal Thursday said that his party would continue to remain part of the coalition gov-ernment of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) — a development that has eased the ruling party's concerns ahead of the crucial vote on the budget. He also said the government

had assured to implement their all six demands including recov-

all six demands including recov-ery of the missing persons from the insurgency-hit Balochistan. The BNP-M had agreed to become part of the collation government of Imran Khan in August last year after the ruling PTI signed a six-point agree-ment with it that contained terms and conditions of the naterms and conditions of the na

tionalist party. Later, Mengal had threatened Later, Mengal had threatened to quit the coaltion saying it was relactant to implement his party's six points. In the last couple of weeks, BNPM also threatened to abstain from voing on the budget warning that "it would side with whoever could address its grievances." The admonition upset the government ranks that had a thin



Minister of Defence Pervaiz Khattak and Sardar Akhtar Mengal address the media outside parliament house.-INFN

majority in the National Assem-bly to get the money bill passed. The PTI sources confirmed that party leader Jehangir Khan Tareen in a series of meetings played a crucial role to convince Mengal that the government would address to his concerns. would address to his concerns Tareen persuaded him at a time when the opposition was try-ing to bring him on their side to

ing to bring him on their side to block the passage of budget. Defence Minister Pervez Khat-tak addressing a joint press con-ference along with Mergal at the Parliament House said that the government would take serious steps towards implementation of the six-point agreement. "The

two parties stick to the agree-ment, and there are no differ-ences between us," he said and briefly talked on the six points. The six points include recovery of missing persons, giving six percent quota to Balochistan in federal government jobs, ad-dress water shortage issue of the province, and repatriation of the

Afghan refugees. Khattak said that a committe Khattaksaid that a committee has already been formed to ad-dress issue of missing persons. He said the government would ensure that the local people do not turn into minority in the process of development of Gwadar Port. There is sense of

province that locals of Gwadar would turn into minority because a large number of outsidcause a large number of outsid-ers are migrating to the port city as a result of its fast-track devel-opment, he said. "A bill will be introduced in the National As-sembly to ensure that the rights of the people of Gwadar are pro-tected," the minister said. Regarding water issues of Balochistan, the defence minis-ter said that it has been remissed

ter said that it has been promised that several small dams would be constructed in the province. The feasibility for construction of two major dams there is also being prepared. 'Khattak said adding a gold refinery would also be set up in the province. He said that six percent quota of the Balochistan youth in government departments will also be ensured. Both sides have agreed on the respectful reparence. that several small dams would

agreed on the respectful repa-triation of Afghan refugees, he concluded while talking about last point. Speaking on the oc-casion, Mengal said that Prime Minister Imran Khan in a meet-ing had assured members of his party that missing persons' is-sue would be resolved. He said that the prime min-ister also assured them that neither Balochistan's share concluded while talking about

sion Award would be cut nor the18th amendment would be rolled back. Khattak interfered

the LBRh amendment would be rolled back. Khattak interfered and said, "These were mere rumours because we need a two-thirds majority (in the parliament to make these changes) and we do not have that. I would ask such people to stop lying." The BBP chief said the government would soon form a parliamentary committee that will visit Balochistan to prepare a report on the problems being faced by the people of the province and present a report in the National Assembly.

Earlier, the concerns shown by Mengal had prompted the opposition to reach out to him and invited him to attend their multi-parties conference that met on June 26 to make a joint strategy to start an anti-government movement. However,

ernment movement. However, Mengal stayed away from the moot and he along with his party members met with PM at the

ty members met with PM at the Parliament House the same say. During the month of Rama-zan, Mengal had attended an If-tar party hosted by PPFs Bilaw-al Bhutto Zardari in Islamabad and attended by leadership of all opposition parties including PML-N leader Maryam Nawaz.



assured honouring all commitments. Mengal

A strong opposition needs soft handling

MUBASHIR HASSAN LAHORE

Unlike its lackluster show on Wednesday last, the Opposition made its presence felt in the house on Thursday during general discus-

on Thursday during general discus-sion on the supplementary budget. Following passage of the annual budget the other day, the PTI gov-ernment is now seeking assem-bly's approval for Rs90.6 billion spent in excess of the allocated budget under different heads of expenditure. expenditure.

Armed with facts and figures, Me

hammmad Ahmad Khan of the PML-N made a very impressive speech questioning the extra amounts questioning the extra amounts spent on the Chief Minister's House spent on the Chief Minister's House, Governor House and the Office of the Advocate General Punjab. The hollow claims of austerity of the present government stood exposed as he pointed out that Chief Minister's office spent Rs160 million in excess of the allocated amount. The additional amount in respect of Governor House was Rs80 million while the office of advocate general spent Rs560 million more than its actual budget. Ahmad alleged that office of advocate general might have expended the excess amount on paying fees to the advocates for preparing fake cases against politi-

preparing fake cases against politi-cal opponents.

While the provincial ministers kept responding to other allega-tions by the opposition members, no one from the treasury side stood to defend extra expenditures in-curred on the two highest offices in the province. There was also no of-ficial word for huge sum consumed by the advocate general Puniab.

by the advocate general Punjab.
Punjab Minister for Industries
Mian Aslam Iqbal just contented to Mian Aslam lebal just contented to saying that previous government would spend the entire supplemen-tary budget on by-elections. He also accused the government of promot-ing and protecting mafias in every

sector.

Tahir Sindhu of the PML-N c tended that government had spent Rs90 billion extra on the non-de-velopment side ignoring welfare of



If a govt presents supplementary budget for approval, it simply means it had little or no control over its expenditures in the preceding year. It also raises questions over the austerity measures every govt claims of taking to control its expenditures

the people. He also showed concern over meager allocations made for minorities in the new budget.

Strangely enough, majority of e legislators from both sides of the aisle spoke on the annual budget instead of the supplemenbudget instead of the supplemen-tary one. Both the speaker and the deputy speaker did not ask any of them to speak on the relevant sub-ject. Law Minister Raja Basharat also kept mum for understandable reasons, though. After all, who will be the beneficiary in a situation when most of the members are not talking about the supplementary budget? If a government presents supple-

If a government presents supple mentary budget in the assembly for approval, it simply means that it had little or no control over its exbenditures in the preceding year. It laso raises questions over the aus-erity measures every government claims to have taken to control its

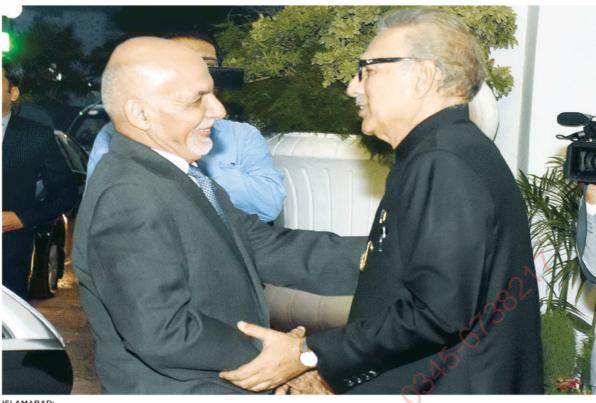
expenditures. Also, it was evident from Thurs day's assembly proceedings that PTI government sustaining on a thin majority could not enforce strict discipline on a strong Op-position. And, if an attempt is made to bring it under strict con-trols, the result would be a complete bedlam.

Deputy Speaker Sardar Dosi

Deputy Speaker Sardar Dost Mazari Thursday did not allow PML-N stalwart Sheikh Alauddin to respond to the allegations leveled by Industries Minister Mian Aslam Iqbal.

Law Minister also told the chair that no member should be allowed to respond to a minister during the budget discussion. They could speak on their turn only. Following the minister's remarks, there was speak on their turn only. Following the minister's remarks, there was complete disorder in the house for over 10 minutes. No member could make a speech on the supplementary budget during this time. As the deputy speaker failed to restore order in the house, Mohammad Ahmad Khan of the PML-N saved the situation from getting bad to worse with his sensible handling of the whole affair. Sheikh Alauddin was later allowed to speak. later allowed to speak

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President Dr. Arif Alvi receiving President of Afghanistan Ashraf Ghani at the Aiwan-e-Sadr.-APP

PM for early hearing of PTI foreign funding case

SHAHID RAO

Prime Minister Imran Khan Thursday filed an application in the Islamabad High Court for early hearing of PTI foreign funding case. In the application, he stated that the hearing of the case did not resume after September 18, 2018 and therefore, requested the court to hear the intra-court appeal in this matter at the earliest.

In this matter, the case was first filed in No ber 2014 by PTI disgruntled member Akbar vember 2014 by PTI disgruntled member Akbar S Babar who accused the PTI and its leadership of corruption and illegal funding of the party. The proceedings of the case were delayed in the ECP as the PTI had filed a writ petition in Octo-ber 2015 in the IHC seeking to restrain the ECP scruting of its accounts. In February 2017, the IHC remanded the case back to the ECP for a fresh review of its jurisdiction. On May 8 last year, a full bench of the ECP once again expressed its complete jurisdiction over the case and stated that the PTI had failed to produce any evidence that the PTI had failed to produce any evidence that the petitioner had been expelled from the party and hence lost the right to question PTI accounts.

Later, the PTI moved IHC and in his petition, PTI Chairman Imran Khan prayed to the court to declare the proceedings initiated by the committee against him 'void, unlawful, without lawful authority and against the Constitution'.

tee against him "void, unlawful, without lawful authority and against the Constitution". The PTI chairman stated in the petition that the ECP through the March 12 order constituted a second committee, comprising three members that included two members of the first committee, who distanced themselves from the committee, who distanced themselves from the commit-

tee due to personal reasons, resulting in the first committee to dissolve. He added that after dissolution of the first committee, a second committee was constituted "but the terms of reference of the committee are violative of the observation of the Supreme Court as well as order passed by the HL".

Khan said that the committee constituted by

the ECP did not bother to read the orders passed by superior courts and shared all confidential documents with Akbar while Akbar made all the proceedings of the committee public via his social proceedings of the committee public via his social media accounts. He contended while referring to the IHC's order passed on September 7, 2017 that the court had ruled that "the Election Commission of Pakistan shall not share the details of the source of foreign funding of the PTI with any other individuals — including respondent No 2

[Akbar] till a final decision of this petition."

Imran's counsel maintained that Akbar's participation in the proceedings of the committee is sheer violation of the guideline of the Supreme Court". He said that Akbar did not come with clean hand because he approached the ECP after his expulsion from the party and "[Akbar] is not free from malice, ill will and just aimed to hazass the pretitioner." He continued that the impares the pretitioner." He continued that the imharass the petitioner". He continued that the im-pugned order is based on mala fide intents and

pugned order is based on mala fide intents and is not passed in a transparent manner. He added that Khan, in compliance of the IHC's order, sub-mitted all documents before the ECP. Therefore, he prayed to the court to set aside the ECP's March 12 order and declare the com-mittee proceedings "void, unlawful and without lawful authority against the Constitution and law on the subject in the interest of justice".

Three accused seek acquittal in fake accounts case

APP ISLAMABAD

An Accountability Court (AC)on Thursday granted time to National Accountability Bureau (NAB) till July 8, to submit reply against acquittal applications of three co-accused of Asif Zardari in fake accounts case including Nimar Majeed, Zulkarnain Majeed and Ali Kamal Majeed.

Majeed and Ali Kamal Majeed.
The NAB officials produced former President Asif Ali Zardari, Faryal Talpur and other accused before AC-I Judge Arshad Malik, hearing the NAB reference.
During the hearing, Asif Zardari arrived at court rostrum and pleaded that the accused persons shouldn't be handcuffed as it was a white-collar crime.
The accused were not dacoits, rather they hailed from educated families, he said and prayed the court to order NAB for re-

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moval of handcutts.
On a query about production of Omni
Group's head Anwar Majeed, Zardari argued that only 30 per cent heart of the accused was working, adding, that NAB had
arrested him from hospital a day before
but again left him there due to his health
condition.

He said that the NAB, however, arrested Anwar Majeed's son Abdul Ghani Majeed.

During hearing, the three accused in-cluding Nimar Majeed, Zulkarmain Majeed and Ali Kamal Majeed submitted their ac-quittal applications to the trial court. At this, the judge remarked that the ac-cused should have waited sometime to file uses a sombient in

such applications.

The counsel of the accused argued that the Islamabad High Court (IHC) had also

the Islamabad High Court (IHC) had also stated in its order that his clients had no connection with fake accounts scam.

Accused Abdul Ghani Majeed also submitted a request to the court seeking medical facilities during NAB custody.

At this, the judge remarked that why not NAB office be converted into a hospital. The accused usually become sick after the arrests, he said.

Asif Zardari said that they were not such weak persons, adding, that he had faced 13-year imprisonment but nothing happened to him.

ed to him

while, the counsel for two accused Meanwhile, the counsel for two accused Hussain Lawai and Tahir Raza expressed objection on non-production of his clients. He stated that the two accused were sick and their legal team and families were not being allowed to see them. At this, the NAB officials produced the medical report of the accused presons be-

medical report of the accused persons be fore the court.

PM didn't violate ECP code

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APP ISLAMABAD

Prime Minister Imran Khan's counsel Dr. Babar Awan on Thursday, in a reply to the Election Commission of Paki-stan, maintained that premier, being a law abiding principled and disciplined leader of the nation, had not violated any promission of code of conduct and by had provision of code of conduct and he had gone to Ghotki to extend condolences to the family of deceased federal cabinet member Ali Mohammad Mehr.

member Ali Mohammad Mehr.

Dr Babar Awan submitted reply to the
show cause notice in the Election Commission of Pakistan regarding violation
of election code of conduct, issued by
Regional Election Commissioner NA-205
Benazirabad to the prime minister.
According to details issued by party's
central media department. Prime Minis-

According to details issued by party's central media department, Prime Minister Imran Khan's coursel Dr. Babar Awan met Election Commission of Palsistan Secretary Babar Yaqoob Fateh Mohammad and submitted reply to the show cause notice issued by regional election commissioner NA-205 Benazirabad to the PM over alleged violation of ECP's code of conduct on June 19.

Dr. Babar said PTI had deep respect for electoral laws and code of conduct and prime minister, during his stay in Ghotki, had not participated in any political pro-

Babar Awan says PTI has deep respect for electoral laws, code of conduct

gramme/meeting/rally, nor he made

gramme/meeting/rally, nor he made any political statement or press talk. He went on to say that Para 17{gart-8} of the code of conduct bars the president, prime minister, cabinet members and members of parliament from taking part in election campaign in any manner. Dr Awan implied that the aforementioned clause dishri bar religious visit for condolence. He said the malicious, scandalous and baseless complaint, filed by the candidate was publicity-driven and an attempt to make hype in the media. "We reserve the right of filing a proper complaint for initiation of proceedings for making false and dishonest statement before the commission", he said. It is therefore requested, Dr. Babar Awan added, the copy of the complaint along with affidavit of the complaint provided and show cause notice issued be withdrawn, being misconceived and without any legal justification. any legal justification.

Quick Read

Alvi for close Pak-Afahan co-op

ISLAMABAD (Staff Reporter): President Dr Arif Alvi has af-firmed Pakistan's resolve to forge closer relationship with Afghanistan marked by deeper cooperation in all spheres

He said this during a meeting with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani here on Thursday.

Ghani here on Thursday.

On the occasion, the two Presidents agreed that moving forward and building a relationship that served the cause of peace, security and prosperity was in the best interest of the two countries.

All aspects of the Pak-Afghan relations came under review during the meeting.

view during the meeting.

President Alvi underlined importance that Pakistan attached to enhanced political,

attached to enhanced political, trade, economic, commercial, educational and people-to-people ties with Afghanistan. Emphasizing the need for a peaceful solution of the conflict in Afghanistan, President Aivi underscored the importance of an Afghan-led and Afghan-owned process in this report owned process in this regard.

owned process in this regard.

He appreciated the progress achieved by Afghanistan
during the past 18 years, despite enormous challenges.
He reassured that Pakistan,
besides playing its role in the
peace process, stood ready to
help Afghan reconstruction
and development efforts.

The President also underlined the need for the world
community's engagement

community's engagement with Afghanistan in the postsettlement phase. The two leaders agreed that both Af-ghanistan and Pakistan would

ghanistan and Pakistan would gain tremendously from peace and stability in the region. They further agreed that increased connectivity be-tween Pakistan and Afghani-stan would help accelerate the trade and energy flows and contribute to the prosperity of the two countries and the region. The role of new tech-nologies in this context was

Following the meeting. President Alvi hosted a ban-quet dinner in honour of Pres-ident Ghani and his entourage.

Maryam slams 'victimisation

LAHORE (STAFF REPORTER): PML-N Vice President Maryam Nawaz called on former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif at Kot

Minister Nawaz Sharif at Kot Lakhpat Jall on Thursday. Accompanied by four other family members, she arrived at the jail at noon and stayed there for more than an hour. PML-N workers welcomed Maryam Nawaz by shower-ing rose petals on her vehi-cle. They chanted slogans in favour of PML-N Quaid and against the present reedine.

favour of PML-N Quaid and against the present regime. Maryam Nawaz expressed an-ger on not allowing Dr Adnan Khan to meet Nawaz Sharif. "Today too only five mem-bers (close blood relatiors) were allowed to meet Muham-mad Nawaz Sharif, that too un-der strict surveillance. This is violation of basic human rights. violation of basic human rights. If this is Jaali Hakoomat's response to the conviction and principled stance, I am not going to be a passive spectator. Beware", she tweeted.

Beware', she tweeted.

"Despite recurring angina,
MNS's cardiologist is not being given access to him. Even
today he was made to wait
outside jail for two hours and
cent had without meeting. sent back without meeting. Shame on Jaali-e-Azam", her other tweet reads.

"The victimisation in-creases as I become more vocal. Jaali-e-Azam is directvocal, jaali-e-Azam is direct-ly monitoring this. Would have been better if he had focused his energies on the sinking economy instead of Sharif family. What a pity, spiteful man", her another tweet reads. There is a

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Pakistan never played a double game: Gen Ehsan

MONITORING DESK

General Ehsanul Haq retired as chair-man joint chiefs of staff committee of the Pakistan military in October 2007. He was chief of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) between Octo-ber 2001 and 2004, the crucial period that saw American intervention in Af-

He is also one of the key persons He is also one of the key persons to have negotiated the ceasefire en-forced in 2003 along the Line of Con-trol (LoC) in Kashmir with his Indian counterparts. Speaking with Anadolu Agency in Tashkent recently, Haq elu-

cidated on some key issues. Ehsanul Haq said Iran-US tension is already having a very serious im-pact, because of disruption of Iranian oil supply to the region. The tensions have also undermined the Iran-Pak have also undermined the Iran-Pak-istan gas pipeline, which was once touted as peace pipeline, as it was supposed to go to India as well. Its construction has been undermined and obstructed. As the tensions grow, they are now disrupting ship-ping lines, that is going to increase the price of oil, and uncertainty. That will not only affect the energy situa-tion in South Asia, that includes India tion in South Asia, that includes India tion in South Asia, that includes India tion in South Asia, that includes India and Pakistan. "My assessment is that energy prices will skyrocket which will seriously undermine economies in the region particularly, Pakistan whose economy is struggling, India's economy is also not in good shape. The growth has been stagnant." Regarding apprehensions that the Americans may block Pakistan arms supplies also, dee n Haq said, "My view is that this US policy is counterpro-

is that this US policy is counterpro ductive and not sustainable. The has a strong strategic interest in the region. But to enforce its own America first policy and to dictate foreign policies of countries in the region that are sovereign and allies, is not going to be to the advantage of the US itself."

itself."

My view, Gen Haq said, is Turkey and India both will very jealously protect autonomy in strategic decision making. And they may find it very difficult to align with the US dictate on this S-400 issue. They must find a diplomatic solution

find a diplomatic solution.

"Fortunately, or unfortunately, the non-NATO military ally status has not given any benefit to Pakistan. It has been termented. The US-Pakistan military relationship has gradually lost its momentum. And there are

hardly any military transfers to Paki-stan. Even military training arrange-ments have been at standstill. Conse-quently, the US ability to do anything about Pakistan procurement from Russia is minimal."

Reparating the endersme in Afghania

Regarding the endgame in Afghan stan, Gen Hag said "Right from 2001 Pakistan was very clear and very categoric. We repeatedly told our American friends, there is no military American friends, there is no military solution in Afghanistan. We used to impress upon them to transit from military operations to devising a potitical strategy to the interest of everybody. Unfortunately, it took them

Says Afghan peace process needs to be protected from vested interests

There were many beneficiaries of this war as well. The war economy in Afghanistan had developed vested in-

Afghanistan had developed vested in-terests, who were getting benefitted from the situation. They wanted to continue with a military strategy.
"Now when the political process has started my strong recommenda-tion would be that it should be pro-tected from its detractors in Wash-ington, its detractors in Kabul and its detractors within the Taliban as well, and from those in the region who oppose it. What we had been telling Americans, they are realistelling Americans, they are realis-ing now. After all, the Taliban are also Afghans. They are not Al-Oaeda They could not have been denied a They could not have been denied a role in the future of Alghanistan. Our stated position stan8ociahilmedia. I am happy now that most of stakeholders are now engaged and desirous of the political solution." Regarding allegations that Pakistan was lax in chasing Osama Bin Laden, Gen Haq said: If you can recall the incident, the attack on the Indian Parliament happened in December.

the incident, the attack on the Indian Parliament happened, in December 2001, while I joined ISI in October. I came when the Kabul bombing had already beguin. Our focus was Af-ghanistan. At no stage has Bob Gren-ier ever accused Pakistan of not sup-porting the US wholeheartedly, even though they did not share their game plan with us.



vere doing in Tora Bora and when we did not know what was happening, then how they could have expected us to capture bin Laden. Also, at the very same moment, the Indian army akistan (0345:6738217orders in the axis be and made it clear that unless our eastern borders are secure, we will not be able to provide requisite support at our western borders. We wanted to contain any and all cross-border incidents because Pres-ident [Pervez] Musharraf and I want-ed to de-sexalet the situation alone

ed to de-escalate the situation along the eastern border and normalise relations with India to focus on the relations with India to focus on the emerging crisis in Afghanistan. It was during that time that the Indian Parliament attack happened. In my view, attacks like these don't happen so spontaneously. They need much planning.

started much before 9/11 happened Therefore, I don't think there is any linkage between the Tora Bora opertions, the attack on the Indian Parlia ment or any other incidents along the eastern border.

eastern border.
While answering a query that Gen
Haq had met then RAW chief CD Sa-hay to discuss a ceasefire during
2003 tensions, Gen Haq said "I do
not and cannot comment on my ac-tivities when I was in office, but I had many meetings with interlocutors But I cannot comment on a specific meeting. But I do confirm that many back channels evolved discussing the broader ambit of India-Pakistan the broader ambit of India-Pakistan relations and how to de-escalate ten-sions. These back channels ultimately converged into an agreement which led to the unilateral announcement of the ceasefire by Pakistan, which

India responded to. There was a lot of homework. In fact, Pakistan did not make the announcement unilaterally, but india was part of it.

At that time, there was also consensus that too many civilian casualties were taking place because of rising tension at the LoC. It is happening today as well. There is a need to revisit the ceasefire arrement of 2003. visit the ceasefire agreement of 2003

Haq added the peace process had Haq added the peace process had begun immediately after the cease-fire and it was believed that it would lead to permanent de-escalation. However, we have been insisting that a mechanism is put in place since then. Pakistan believes that there is a system of the United Nations Military Observers froum which is assigned to Observers Group which is assigned to monitor violations. But India doesn't want to involve a third party. In my view, even today there is a need to establish who actually violates the LoC

tablish who actually violates the LoC. We still have the UN option available. Nonetheless, we are prepared to discuss any arrangement to monitor and establish who actually violates the LoC agreement. Strict observance of the ceasefire is fundamental to the rest of developments. When the ceasefire is continuously violated, wu cannot expect the bus violated, you cannot expect the bus services to run peacefully. We cannot expect trade volume to remain nor grow. It is causing impact in perception and reality as

The former DG ISI asserted that Pakistan was never playing a double game in Afghanistan. "First of all, it is very unfortunate to hear that we are playing a double game. You see, Pakistan certainly has very good rela-tions with the United States. We have made enormous sacrifices in support of their war on terror. But to expect that Pakistan will act against its own interests to extend US agenda is an unfair expectation. There are always disagreements on strategies and operationalizing them even among the best of friends, but to call these things a double game is most unfair in any relationship.

The fact is that the US and its strategies in Afghanistan have failed and that they have not been able to of their war on terror. But to expect

and that they have not been able to achieve the success they were hoping with the application of military power with the application of military power and enormous investment in terms of resources. We have supported peace and stability in Afghanistan. We have supported Afghan governments and Afghan-led and Afghan-based peace processes," he said.

PTA, Pemra submit replies in IHC in PTM case

SHAHID RAO

Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) and PEMRA have submitted their replies before the Islamabad High Court (IHC) in a petition filed against anti-state and anti-army rhetoric of Pashtun Tahaf-

A single bench of IHC comprising Justice Aamer Farooq conducted hearing of the petition seeking ban on PTM as the same has neither been registered as a political party nor any as a corporate body, just an association of persons.

Later, the IHC bench deferred the hearing till July 16 for further preceedings in the petition moved by Colonel (Retd) Javed Iqbal through his counsel Barrister Shoaib Razzaq.

Previously, the bench had directed Man-Aamer Farooq conducted hearing of the

or Pashteen, Mohsin Dawar, Ali Wazir, zoor Pashteen, Mohsin Dawar, Ali Wazir, Ministry of Law and Justice, Ministry of Defense, Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) and Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) to submit their replies in this regard It had also sought written response from the Ministry of Interior in this matter.

In his petition, Javed made federation through ministry of Jaw and Justice.

tion through ministry of law and justice, ministry of interior, ministry of defense, PEMRA, PTA, PTM through its chairpersor Manzoor Pashteen and lawmakers Moh-

Manzoor Pashteen and lawmakers Moh-sin Dawar and Ali Wazir as respondents. The petitioner prayed to the court to direct federation and other concerned respondents to take appropriate action against PTM, Dawar and Wazir under the prevailing laws in the best interest of the country and to uphold the respect and prestige of Pakistan Army.

He prayed that the court may ban PTM which has neither been registered as a political party nor any as a corporate body, just an association of persons and all those are held responsible for maligning Pakistan Army and other state institutions be trial under appropriate criminal laws.

The petitioner requested the court to declare that Pashteen, Dawar and Wazir have committed gross violation of Code of Conduct, 2015 and PEMRA Ordinance 2002 and that the Respondent No. 5 (PTA) has failed to stop and act against their violations.

lations.

He further requested the court to de-clare that these people have used elec-tronic media and social media for hate speech, incitation, abetting, glamorizing and or justifying violence, commission of crime, terror and which has lead to or will lead to serious public disorder. Therefore,

media.

He was of the view that it should be de-clared that these people have maligned the state institutions and an attempt has been made to create division amongst the differ-ent ranks of Pakistan Army and therefore, the court may direct Respondent No.5 and 6 (PEMRA and PTA respectively) to take seri-ous action against them and ban them from ous action against them and ban them from hosting, appearing in any manner, including but not limited to, as a guest, analyst, reporter, actor, in audio, video, beeper, promo/advertisement in any electronic media. Petitioner also sought court's directions to PTA to immediately delete/block all social media accounts of the Respondent No. 4, 7 and 8 on all forums available on Internet or otherwise. NOTICE FOR CHANGE OF BRANCH MANAGER
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Shisper Glacier recedes after water discharge

The risk for a heavy glacial lake outburst flooding, reen-acting the disaster occurred earlier at Attabad has been mitigated as supra-glacial Lake formed at the Shisper Glacier has completely dis-

charged.

The Shisper Glacier had receded after heavy water flow below the surging glacier and had reduced the risk for glacial flooding in the periors.

Talking to APP, Gilgit Baltistan Disaster Manage-ment Authority (GBDMA)

official said, "The preemp-tive measures and protec-tive work done by GBDMA helped the authority to en-sure, for the first time prac-ticed, effective disaster pre-paredness to avoid heavy life, ecology and property loss in Hassanabad Village." He said that if the practi-

He said that if the retain-He said that if the retain-ing walls were not built around the to-be affected vicinity then over a dozen bouseholds were to get ef-fected through the flooding. The GBDMA official men-tioned that aerial visit of the glacial lake behind the Gla-cier had further clarified the situation, and reseated that

situation and revealed that

the heavy water discharge from June 22 to June 23 in Hassanabad Nullah (water-course) helped mitigate the risk and brought the accumulated glacial lake water down to negligible ratio. He said, "It is a good sign and has overcome the possibility of abrust elacial lake shifted or the possibility of abrust elacial lake."

sibility of abrupt glacial lake outburst that might have caused serious disaster in caused serious disaster in the area. The heavy water flow has partially caused damage to 50 feet (ft) to 100ft part of the Karakoram Highway (KKH)."

"The teams of GBDMA and Frontier Works Organisation (FWO) with their heavy

machinery and staff has re-stored the damaged portion of KKH and resumed the road for all kinds of traffic," he added. To a question, he said, "The regular monitor-ing of the Glacier is contin-ued by GBDMA as there are rossibilities of elacial lake possibilities of glacial lake outburst flooding as water flow is going on and if it stops then it will indicate that glathen it will indicate that gla-cial lake is forming. So, in order to amicably address the developing situation time to time observation of the glacier will be main-tained." The official said that Pakistan Army and Air Force heliconters man-Air Force helicopters managed the aerial visit of the glacial lake where Director General GBDMA, Assistant Commissioner Hunza and other senior officials were taken aboard.

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It's 'hit men' versus 'helpless puppets'

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backbenchers began shouting "Chorchor (thief)" to disrupt Shehbaz
Sharif. Not his person but whole of
the Sharif family was called a bunch
of reckless looters.
That provoked the PML-N benches
to spring up from their seats in unison
and target the person and a very close
relative of Imran Khan with equally
figure name-calling. fierce name-calling. Most ministers and Amir Dogar, the

Most ministers and Amir Dogar, the chief whip of the ruling party, took no time to realise that apparently Imran-pleasing conduct of their colleagues would impede the speed of budget passing and might lead to disruptive scuffles as well. They had to struggle hand to bring husingses, sexual early hard to bring business-as-usual calm

Hammad Azhar, the minister of revenue, was still not willing to forget and forgive. Rudely dandling an accusing finger at Shehbaz Sharif, he accusing finger at Shehbaz Sharif, he attempted hard to vend the story that a gang of "hit men," controlling deci-sion making when," controlling deci-sion making when it came to devising economic policies for the FML-N gov-ernment, eventually pushed Pakistan towards almost becoming a hostage to the IME.

annoyed with Azhar's intervention. He dared him to opt for a full-fledged

global economy.

Once upon a time, the House of Sharifs was almost like a family to Hammad Azhar's father and grandfather. They began falling apart in the early 1990s and have now turned like two titanic clans, viciously fighting for absolute control of the political scene

Recklessly betraying the polite tra-ditions of his family, Hammad Azhar often turns too personal in settling scores with Shehbaz Sharif during in

that primarily he has been enduring the heat and dust of a furiously divided National Assembly, to project and defend policies that Dr Hafeez Shaikh had exclusively devised.

The sole objective of these policies

The sole objective of these policies is to fulfill precondition that the IMF has set for approving a bailout package for Pakistan.

Not for a moment, the ultimate "hit man" of these days, Dr Shaikh, ever came to the National Assembly when it remained busy for more than two weeks to discuss the budgeary proposals. getary proposals. By aggressively owning these pro-

osals, the youthful Azhar seems reck-essly oblivious to fatal blowback that hey might create for the potential of a ote-dependent politician like him. After discovering that juicy stuff ould not be extracted from house

proceedings, most reporters were anxiously roaming in the lobbies to get hold of any of the opposition poli-ticians who had attended the Multi-Party Conference that Maulana Fazlur

arty Conference that Maulana Fazlur tehman had hosted Wednesday. All of us had found out by now that he PML-N and the PPP were yet not villing to resign from the National As-embly and begin focusing on prepara-ions for collecting a massive crowd in slamabad, which should keep shaking he Imran government until its fall.

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A large number of reporters also kept pressing Akhtar Mengal to find out as to why he opted not to attend the MPC in the end. And preferred exhaustive mee ne Minister to strike 'a d

the Prime Minister to strike 'a deal."
Mostly sitting in the cafeteria, Mengal braved the volley of questions
with a smile. He never sounded apologetic and justified his conduct with
valid-sounding arguments.

I don't need to repeat them; for,
without talking to him I have been
trying to explain them in previous
two columns

In spite of ending like a "nonstart-er," primarily for being judged in the context of media hype built about it, the MPC did succeed building consen-sus on an interest point: removal of the incumbent Chairman of the Sen-sed Sedies Sequent

ate, Sadiq Sanjrani. Ironically, both the PTI and the PPP had collaborated to prop him up to this office in folding months of the previous government.

previous government.

Both these parties tried hard to sell the story that they propped him to address the accumulated grievances of a resource-rich but miserably poor province: Balochistan. The PML-N continues to believe otherwise.

The combined opposition surely savors the numerical edge in upper house of parliament. Removal of Sanirani is thus not a hard task. Who

Sanjrani is thus not a hard task. Who should replace him is the question,

Raza Rabbani, a former Chairm Raza Rabbani, a former Chairman, is the one and only favourite of "democracy-loving" crowd of parliamentary reporters. Asif Ali Zardari does not feel that good about his "principled obsessions," however.

Even otherwise, most politicians and commentators seriously believe that a Baloch should replace a Baloch. Hasil Khan Bizenio is fast emerying as

Hasil Khan Bizenjo is fast emerging as the hot favourite, therefore. But there

The PPP appreciates that the PML-N savors the decisive edge in the Sen-ate and it may want to promote and support Hasil. Yet, it does not feel too comfortable with his unwavering admiration for Nawaz Sharif.

The JUI-F of Maulana Fazlur Rehman considers itself as

The JUI-F of Maulana Fazlur Rehman considers itself an important stakeholder of the power games in Balochistan. It does not approve and endorse the "progressive/liberal" posturing of Hasil Khan Bizen-jo. And, it also has one of its senior leaders, Abdul Ghafoor Haidri, sitting in the Senate.

The so-called hawkish camp of the PML-N desperately needs to pamper Maulana Fazlur Rehman these days: only he can bring a huge crowd of

only he can bring a huge crowd of dedicated cadres to Islamabad for staging an impressive-looking show ist the Imran government

The PPP also needs to appease him r another reason. After a death in fa-

for another reason. After a death in famously rich and powerful Mahar family of Ghotid (Sindh), a seat of the provincial assembly has become vacant. The PPP had lost this seat during the elections of July 25, 2018. It wants to win it via the by-election by all means. The heir of the late patriarch of the Mahar family, the youthful incumbent Sardar, Mohammad Bakhsh, had

agreed to contest for the vacant seat on a PPP ticket.

But one of his visibly "more re-sourceful and political" uncles is try-ing hard to dampen the chances of Mohammad Bakhsh. Doing so, he is vigorously preparing himself to ex-tract dividends, if and when Murad Ali Shah is removed from the office of Ali Shah is removed from the office of Chief Minister Sindh.

The IUI-F had also fielded a can

The JUI-F had also fielded a can-didate on this seat. He had enviable held together a dedicated-team of re-ligiously moved cadres. Defeating a Mahar on a provincial seat from Ghotki is almost next to impossible. But due to the split in the Mahar family, the JUI-F had the po-tential of sooling the chances of the tential of spoiling the chances of the youthful and politically inexperienced

PPP nominee for the provincial seat. Asif Ali Zardari and Maulana Fazlur Rehman are literally a match made in heavens when it comes to striking a

heavens when it comes to striking a deal with each other.

Maulana can win the support of Asif Ali Zardari for his nominee for the office of the Chairman Senate, by not only withdrawing his candidate in Ghotki but also showing that the JUI-F cadres worked hard to ensure the win of PPP-nominated candidate.

You can imagine the rest to feel sorry for Hasil Khan Bizenjo!



A man adjusts illegal kunda to steal electicity fear—NNI

Opp defeat on cut-motions

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the government lawmakers, who stood in
their seats and chanted: 'Gall Gall mein shor
hey, Shehbaz Sharif Chor hey. The chair
asked the opposition leader not to use the
banned word in the house.

Speaker Asad Qaisar, issued ruling, asking
the media not to use the expunged word. 'If
it is used by the media, it will be considered
as breach of privilege of the House," he said.

Opposition leader, speaking on issue of
raise in electricity tariffs, said that their
(PMI-N) government had not slated expensive LNG projects, as is often alleged. He

(PML-N) government had not slated expen-sive LNG projects, as is often alleged. He claimed that at that time the then govern-ment had cut the electricity price to almost half of what was proposed by Nepra. He said the debt burden of Pakistan in-creases by Rs100 billion when the local cur-rency is devalued by no runes against doi-

rency is devalued by one rupee against dol-lar. Shehbaz said that the defence budget had also been reduced from \$9.7 billion to \$7.6 inly due to devaluation of rupee.

PRODUCTION ORDER OF WAZIRISTAN MNAs

The lawmakers from main opposition parties requested the Speaker to issue production order of members from North Waziristan to complete the house during budget sersion

budget session.

PPP MNA Naveed Qamar and PML-N
MNA Barjees Tahir, speaking on cut motions, asked the chair to make the budget legitimate by issuing production orders of Mohsin Dawar and Ali Wazir. About ECC's decision to hike prices, Nav-

eed asked government to review its decision. He opposed the decision of imposing tax on LNG.

PML-N central leader Shahid Khagan Ab-PML-N central leader Shahid Khaqan Ab-basi said that increase in prices of petro-leum products was a bad decision as it will increase miseries of the masses. He said that there was a need to control circular debt is-sue as soon as possible. Barjees Tahir asked the government to control loadshedding in different areas of

WINDUP DEBATE ON CUT-MOTION

Minister-in-charge for Finance Hammad Azhar, winding up debate on cut-motions, dispelled the impression that PTI's gov-ernment has reduced the budget of educa-

tion and health.

He informed that 35 percent more funds have been reserved for Higher Education Commission in lieu of development expen-

Commission in lieu of development expenditure while 14 billion rupees have been approved for knowledge based economy. He said health budget has been enhanced from 8 to 13 billion rupees.

The minister said substantial amount of funds has been allocated for a number of projects in southern Punjab.

About FER performance, he claimed Federal Bureau of Revenue has done a good job in just ten months by integrating data of over 50 million people. He said the government has implemented benami rules. has implemented benami rules.

has implemented benami rules.

Hammad also announced three honorariums for the staff of various departments, who performed duty during the

ments, who performed duty during the budget session.

He said the government had borrowed Rs2,400 billion contrary to opposition's claims of Rs7,000 billion during the first 10 months of its tenure. "We have borrowed Rs2,400 internally and externally this year," he said.

On Thursday, the House approved 53 departs for grants relating to power and penands for grants relating to power and penands for grants relating to power and penands.

mands for grants relating to power and pe-troleum divisions, and interior and defence ministries while rejecting all the cut motions Interior Minister Brig (r) Ejaz Shah, speak

Interior Minister Brig (r) Ejaz Shah, speak-ing on some cut motions, was of the view that devolution of subject of interior to provinces had reduced powers of the federal ministry. He said that the threat perception keeps on changing from time to time. "No cut should be made on his ministry's demands for grants [therefore]," he proposed.

Imran Ghani call for new chapter in ties

ectivity, said an official statement It was recognised that early completion of major energy connectivity projects such as Central Asia-South Asia electricity trans haks Media: Pakis tank 0345 56738217an long-term economic benefits to the countries involved. Further ways of strengthening trade, infrastructure and energy con-

meg at aucommentaturure and energy con-nectivity were explored.

It was agreed to optimally utilise the ex-stating mechanisms, including Afghanistan-Pakistan Transit Trade Coordination Au-thority and joint Economic Commission, to remove difficulties in transit and bilateral trade and to explore new possibilities of mutually-beneficial economic and comercial relations

mercial relations:
There was also an exchange of views on regional issues. The Prime Minister shared his vision for peace, progress and prosperity in South Asia.

Later, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and his delegation held meeting with Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi and his delegation.

his delegation

President Ghani appreciated Pakistan's

President Ghani appreciated Pakistan's efforts in peace process in Afghanistan. He said Pakistan should continue the efforts. Qureshi said Pakistan will continue playing its role for peace in Afghanistan with sincerity, good intentions and open heart. He said Afghan people have suffered a lot due to the instability prevailing in Afghanistan for decades.

on result-oriented talks believing that this is the only way to establish durable peace Afghanistan. He expressed confidence at the Afghan President's visit to Paki

that the Alghan President's visit to Paki-stan will bring the two countries closer and strengthen bilateral relations. During the meeting, both the leaders also deliberated on the regional security and trade relations.

and trace relations.

The wide-ranging talks focussed on strengthening bilateral cooperation in diverse areas including political, trade, economic, security, peace and reconciliation,

nomic, security, peace and reconciliation, ceducation and people-to-people exchanges. In a statement, the Foreign Office said the people of Pakistan and Afghanistan are bound by fraternal ties reinforced by historical, religious, linguistic and cultural affinities. Closer engagement between the leaders will help foster a stronger and multi-faceted relationship between Pakistan and Afghanistan. Speaking to journalists after the meet-

Speaking to journalists after the meet-ing, Qureshi said Afghanistan should be aware of the trouble-makers who do not want peace in Afghanistan. "Some elements are not happy over the growing ties between Pakistan and Afghanistan. We

between Pakistan and Afghanistan. We should remain alert," he said.
Qureshi said Pakistan had kept the Tork-ham border open to facilitate the trade. "We have also made the visa process easy. There is a consensus on further improving the relationship," he added.

The FM said the two countries had de-

beginning towards peace and trust. "The conference in Murree was also successful. The talks today (June 27) were also positive." he said.

tive, he said.

Earlier, addressing a ceremony at Institute of Strategic Studies, the Foreign Minister said Pakistan was expecting betterment in peaceful and prosperous Afghanistan. "Pakistan is very clear in its objective with regard to peaceful Afghanistan. There will be challenges on the road to peace and prosperity that needs to be overcome jointly. We both are aware of the challenges," he remarked.

He said prosperity of Pakistan was pos-

He said prosperity of Pakistan was pos-He said prosperity of Pakistan was possible if there was peace and tranquillity in Afghanistan. "We assure our utmost cooperation for a peaceful Afghanistan. Pakistan and Afghanistan stood by each other through thick and thin and shared grief of each other," he reminded.

He said both countries had common agenda of peace and people of both countries also want better relations between the two countries. He said both countries had common the two countries. He said both countries had better relations between

the two countries. He said both countries have to look for the future of coming gen

President Ghani will also travel to La-

President Ghani will also travel to La-hore where he will participate in a busi-ness forum that will be attended by busi-ness representatives from both countries. Ghani also separately met PML-N Presi-dent Shehbaz Sharif and PPP chief Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and discussed issues of mu-tual integes.

PM hints at extending amnesty scheme deadline

To a question about the rampant cor-ruption in FBR, he PM said no one could mint money illegally if the national institutions were strong enough to make even the leaders accountable.

He said the whole system spoiled when the ruling elite evaded taxes which ulti-

the ruling elite evaded taxes which utti-mately led to the distrust among the busi-ness community and the destruction of the small business industry.

The prime minister said he had taken the responsibility to reform the FBR along with Shabbar Tadid through scrutiny and e-governance as it was the matter of coun-try's survival.

try's survival.

He said the government had allocated around Rs200 billion for its anti-poverty initiative and questioned as how the government could spend required fund for public welfare when half of the tax money went to

wellare when half of the tax money went to the payment of markup on foreign loans. He said the nations always faced tough times and overcame too by increasing their revenue generation that was possible by al-lowing the businessmen to create wealth that would ultimately create jobs and en-hance the tax ratio. hance the tax ratio.

Asked what the tax payers would get in return from the government, he said no system could effectively work without carrot-and-stick policy. This is why the government was struggling to reform the institutions and change the public mindset to declare the tax payers and hard workers the real nd send the money launderers to jail.
ORDER TO CONTROL PRICES

Prime Minister Imran Khan Thursday while taking serious notice of the current

while taking serious notice of the current disproportionate price hike and ineffectiveness of the controlling system, directed the provincial and federal authorities to launch special campaign to control the same.

In a letter written to all provincial chief secretaries and chief commissioner of Islamabad by the Prime Minister's Office, the prime minister said the effective implementation of the local and special laws concerning efficient service delivery and relief to the general public was one of the prime responsibilities of the field administration.

sibilities of the field administration He said the lack of coordination among He said the lack of coordination among various stakeholders, poor understanding or implementation and indifferent attitude had established redundancy of these laws, thus increasing the sufferings of general public.

The prime minister said under the campaign, a strategy would be devised by all concerned stakeholders to implement price control laws effectively from the wholesale

markets to retail shops.

All the authorities concerned would make price and market control committees more effective besides taking stern action against the perpetrators under law. The field officers have also been directed to frequently visit the wholesale markets and be present at the time of auctions to deter-

be present at the time of auctions to determine the realistic rates.

The prime minister had asked all the provincial secretaries to frequently have a surprise check in the districts. The special branch would report daily the implementation of directives to the chief secretary and the chief minister concerned.

It has also been directed to develop a mechanism to check unscrupulous elements which charged disproportionate prices without sufficient cause, besides taking strict action against the hoarders.

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strict action against the hoarders. Under this campaign, the price control committees would notify the rates of essential commodities regularly and also ensure their effective implementation. Moreover, a performance evaluation mechanism, with reward and punishment would be developed to ensure success of this campaign. The letter had also sought an implementation report on the said directives to be submitted with the PM Office within seven days.

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Absent Opposition

ic problems, and opposition ition parties seem all but content to let this play out, as the budget al and Punjab Assembly have sho vn. With the former acc

I any debates in both the National and Punjab Assembly have shown. With the former accepting multiple Demands of Grants and the latter passing its annual budget in under 20 minutes with scant numbers of opposition members present, the lack of eagagement by opposition parties in the debate surrounding the finer points of the budget has let the government off the book. Impassioned speeches, sloggans of protest, future street demonstrations and a multiparty conference is all that the opposition is willing to throw at the government. While these steps might seem effective in sending out the opposition's message to the general public about the government's failing economic policy, it does nothing to actually challenge the government's stance in parliament and work towards changing clauses in the budget that affect the masses adversely. The daily tedium of discussing each assent of the budget may not sound anneed not of the findamental roles of the sindamental roles.

and work towards changing clauses in the budget that affect the masses adversely. The daily tedium of discussing each aspect of the budget may not sound appealing but is one of the fundamental roles of all lawmakers, irrespective of their allegiance to the treasury or opposition beaches. With so many veterans sitting in all houses of parliament across the country, it is horrifying that so few of them actually engage in the nitty-gritty affairs that the parliament has to discuss on a daily basis. Instead, politicians are more content to brandish their party kyalities and attack those that oppose them, all but forsaking their real duty to the people as their representatives. The ruling party is sadly cut from the same cloth, as their time during the last five year term was spent atop containers while the government of the time passed whatever bills it wanted to with relative ease.

Street protests, multiparty conferences and other organisational matters outside of parliament can never take precedence over the work that these politicians were voted into power, resolving their issues through good governance, which always starts with a strong legislative system. Sadly, the budgetary situation has only reiterated that politicians from mainstream political parties make decision unanimously if they are in power, and those on the other end of the spectrum have only

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The opposition's arguments against the budget ring hollow, considering they are not that substantive in the first place and members of the bench are not even interested enough to visit parliament to stop the government from passing something they claim will cripple the general public.

Banning Plastic Bags

The provincial government of Gigit Baltistan (GB) decision to ban distribute on purchase, export and import of plastic bags in Hunza district is excellent news. It was a long overdue step that the GB government has taken. Now the authorities need to enforce the decision of the provincial government strictly. The fact that the government provided 10,000 shopping bags for free distribution tells us that the authorities are serious in implementing the ban on the use of plastic bags. One cannot but appreciate the initiative of implementing a ban on the use of plastic bags. If one looks around, one can notice that plastic bags are the most common litter in any area. And for a city like Hunza, plastic bags, tanged in trees along roads, floating in the water, surrounding waste bins, dim its scenic beauty. The ban will help in maining the cleanliness of the city. While the ban on plastic bags is a al government of Gilgit Baltistan (GB) dec

rounting waste ones, diffuse scene beauty. The ball will help in main-taining the cleanliness of the city. While the ban on plastic bags is a great initiative and a step forward in the right direction, the govern-ment needs to extend the ban to other plastic disposables, like straws nd plastic food contain

eeds to extend the ban to other plastic disposables, like straws sit food container as well. ic contains major toxic pollutants and damages our environ-sit causes air, water and land pollution. Scientists widely ac-dge the hazardous effects of plastic on wildlife and the natural em. Research studies suggest that plastic takes anywhere from ds to thousand years to break down into the earth's structure. Till the time such a bag remains in the environment, it causes harm to ur routine life. Saying that plastic is killing us is not an exaggeration

Imran Khan's government thinks of environmental degradation a grave issue for Pakistan. Among the many steps that the government needs to take is to launch environmental literacy campaigns across ntry so that people understand the hazards of plastic and the using re-usable and biodegradable products.

Devaluation Blues

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The economic arosicy that prevailed after the sudden devaluation was heightened particularly because it was unexpected. Since May 2018, when the dollar traded at 121, the rupee has devaluated by 35 per cent. While that had brought an onslaught of criticism directed at the government, it cannot be said that the devaluation was unexpected, since the Pakistan Tehreeki-Insaf (PTI) had clarified that economic conditions in the country would get worse before they would get better. It was also understood that to secure a bailour package from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the fixed exchange rate would be adjusted to be more marker-friendly. However, Wednesday's devaluation was a surprise because the government had promised that the exchange rate would not be allowed to float further after the initial historic devaluation from Rs121 to Rs151. To discourage citizens from buying and investing in dollars, government ministers had reassured that the exchange rate would not deteriorate further and the currency value would be stable.

ation from Rs12.1 to Rs15.1.To discourage citizens from buying and investing in dollars, gov-ernment ministers had reassured that the exchange rate would not deteriorate further and the currency value would be stable. Who then was responsible for going against the government's reassurances and further floating the rupee? Was it the government who fed its people false promises and destabilised the rupee, or has the State Bank of Pakistan opted for a policy independent from the govern-ment? The events of the past, where the Prime Minister of Pakistan has alleged that he learnt of the new exchange rate from television and not from the SBP, indicate it might be the later. If this is true that the government has no influence on the new financial team, then the If this is true, that the government has no influence on the new financial team, then the con ons of the opposition during the reshuffle might have been true.

This is very concerning- in these economic conditions, it is imperative that the go and the SBP are communicative with each other and work together. Unpredictability and the SBP are communicative with each other and work together. Unpredictability and lack of trust in the government and its monetary policy will be debilitating in these already tough times.

The Nation (ECONOMY)

Integrated criminal justice system

Police reforms and judicial reforms have always been on agenda of all governments since inception of Pakistan. There have been, at least, 22 commissions established for reforming the Policing. Despite high powered commissions beaded by renowned personalities inceptant personalities in constitutions.

sonalities, incessant ech of improvement of Polic ing in particular and crimi nal justice system remain the air. One common findi

nal justice system remain in the air. One common finding of the reform commissions and committees is lack of coordination among Police, prosecution, probation, prisons and judiciary. District and provincial criminal justice coordination committees has partly addressed this issue, however, there is need to do more in this context due to rapid yet uneven growth and development in each of these pillars of criminal justice system (GJS). Increasing population and lack of commensurate service providing structures of CJS are two fundamental reasons of dissatisfaction of the masses who complain about delay in registration of FIR by police to partial prosecution to delay in decision of cases by the courts. Whereas population mushrooming remain unchecked, additional spending on CJS will be unsustainable and shall prove to be insufficient after few years. At the operational level, we hear frustrated volese of functionaries of CJS that facilities and resources are insufficient that facilities and resources are insufficient to accommodate the complainants or ever to accommodate the complainants or even to act proactively to prevent the crimes to take place. District courts are over-crowded as neither facilities are sufficient nor there is any reduction in court cases is in sight. In this case there is no distinction in rural or urban environment. Same is the case with prosecution department where case load is unmanageable for the available staff. And this is only a quantitative same. able staff. And this is only a quantitative aspect which is being discussed here. Quality

of prosecution comes at later stage.

Prisons are also looking after at least three times more prisoners than the actual capacity of the prisons and administration is under tremendous pressure to cope up with increasing number of prisoners.

Despite all technological developments and their incorporation in public sector, the business processes of these sector, the business processes of these sec-

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tors remain uncharged and reliance is largely on manual system of communi-cation prevalent since last century. Most conspicuous change in tools employed in these departments, is replacement of type writer with computer in the offices of clerks and still loads of papers are printed for vertigg the draft communications and lots of trees are cut to fill the files in each department. Other major development is department. Other major development is installation of security system, raising the heights of boundary walls and fixation of barbed wires to prevent the terrorist attack in all important public offices. These changes are most visible yet the users of these systems and services keep waiting for addressing their requirements and redressing their grievances. Yet all is not lost and innovative practices are creeping into the CJS in various forms. Recently clief Justice of Pakistan has introduced a speechy instice mechanism in

troduced a speedy justice mechanism in which more than 5700 cases are dealt which more than 5700 cases are dealt with on fast track bases and more mod- with on fast track bases and more mod- closures are established to address the most common complaints of delay in de-cisions of cases in courts. He has also start- ed pilot project to start video link hearing of cases which is a step much needed to save time, cost and energy of all stakehold- ers except those who were beneficiaries of archaic systems. It is also news for many archaic systems. It is also news for many that Punjab Safe Cities Authority (PSCA) has already conducted international trials through video link with Norwegian Police and courts through a lawful process duly oved by the international experts

approved by the international experts. There are many more opportunities through technology which are ripe and available within the public sector only to be harmessed by the decision makers Here are few easy to implement scenario s. First, it is possible to stop practice of bringing thousands of under trial pris-oness every day for more granting new. oners every day for mere granting next date of hearing for one reason or the other. This can be done by video link between the trial court and the relevant pris where the accused is present. Second, it is also possible to even record statements of also possible to even record statements of witnesses present in other cities through video links rather than bringing them to the courr physically. It can not only save time and cost but also can ensure safety and security of prime witnesses. Third, concept of faceless judges, prosecutors and witnesses in terrorism cases is a prac-tical proposition all over the world and all tools are available within the government organisations. Fourth, availability of evi-dence and record and its electronic trans-fer, preservation and production to the court is also possible without contamina-tion and abuse by the investigation and prosecution officials. Fifth, judicial case management systems are very much posmanagement systems are very much pos-sible despite the fact that it has been tried but couldn't materialize due to lack of un

but couldn't materialize due to lack of un-derstanding of business process, inade-quate management and resistance from beneficiaries of existing system. Lessons learnt from previous endeav-ours and scope of possibilities call for an integrated Criminal Justice System (G(S) which can integrate relevant business pro-cesses without disturbing the lawful man-date of each stakeholders. It will focus on above mentioned cases

It will focus on above mentioned cases and integrate and communicate among and integrate and communicate among the pillars of CJS to save time and cost of the whole process for all concerned. It includes electronic connectivity among the Police, Prosecution, Courts and Prisons and development of standard operating procedures which are already available but need tweaks to fit in the new paradigm. However, it does not require any bureaucratic intervention or creating more room for control by non-emposisionals or room for control by non-professio any one pillar of CJS. iCJS is a collaborative del to reduce costs and to increase efficiency of CIS to make life easier, corrup e and affordable for the end users of the CIS in Pakistan. It will make it po of the CJS in Pakistan. It will make it possi-ble to save millions of rupees spent by the people and the state for production of ac-cused and witnesses to courts every day at the risk of public inconvenience and secu-rity of all involved in the processes. However, one should also remember wisdom of Niccolo Machiavelli who said, "There is nothing more difficult to take in hand more persons to conduct or more

hand, more perilous to conduct or more uncertain in its success, than to take the lead in the introduction of a new order of lead in the introduction of a new order of things." Yet, courage to create new order of things is founding stone of evolution in human history. If carefully crafted and earnestly implemented, ICJS can be tried in Lahore as a pilot project and can be ex-tended relatively faster to other parts of the country without much cost.

PM right on money

here are no two opinions about the fact that Pakistan currently is Fixed with formidable economic challenges in the shape of burgeoning budget and current account deficits and a heavy debt burden which are having a debilitating impact on the socio-economic profile of the country. Reversing the tread and saving the country from the impending economic disaster would depend on raising indigenous resources rather than looking elsewhere for help and ephemeral relief packages in times of adversity as has been the practice in the past. That is a recipe beyond reproach.

But unfortunately there is a well entrenched culture of non-payment of taxes in the country and successive governments have failed to introduce the much needed structural economic reforms and broadening the tax base due to political expediencies. Their policies lacked the vision to look into the future consequences of such an approach.

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Prime Minister Imran Khan was right on money when making an appearance in Geo TV programme ' Pakistan Key Liey Kar Dalo' on Monday along with his team of economic manager said' Pakistan is at the cross-roads and people will have to change themselves. We do not pay taxes. We have to change ourselves. Our tax collection rate is the lowest in the world and Pakistan cannot continue as a state with the current state of affairs. To return the loans we will generate wealth from within Pakistan which means we will have to face some difficult times' He not only painted a correct picture of the existing realities but also honestly admitted the fact that the steps that his government is contemplating to take to reform the economy and broadening the tax base would surely entail difficulties. His emphasis was rightly on changing the permeating economic environment.

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There is no denving the fact that Pakistan's external and public debt as well There is no denying the fact that Pakistan's external and public debt as well as nosedive in the foreign investments. The lack of fiscal discipline and absence of reforms caused 400% increase in public debt during 2018 as per the data released by the State Bank of Pakistan. Total debt liabilities of Pakistan increased to 86.8 % well above the debt sustainability limit of 60% of GDP. Likewise, external debt liabilities rose to 33% of GDP over the last 10 years. With increased borrowing to finance investment and consumption, external debt servicing surged to about \$10 billion or 40% of export earnings in 2018-19. It is estimated that interest and loan repayment on both foreign and domestic debt consumed 39% of the total revenue in 2018-19.

The foregoing facts indicate the severity of the challenges that the PTI government inherited in regards to the economy. It had no choice but to take further loans to repay the already taken loans and also seek immediate assistance.

ther loans to repay the already taken loans and also seek immediate assistance from the friendly countries and approaching the IMF for the thirteenth bailout package since 1988.

bailout package since 1988. The country surely could not survive by relying on help and assistance of the frieadly countries and the international agencies. The only way to winch it out of the quagmire it is stuck into is to raise indigenous resources through taxes not only to cast off the debt burden but also to generate enough resources for financing the future development needs and implementing measures for the wellbeing of the masses. The government cannot fulfil these responsibilities through printing of notes. Ultimately the people will have to make investment into their prosperous future by realizing their duty towards the state and developing the habit of paying the state taxes. No doubt the government is also under obligation to create tax culture through credible measures and people friendly policies. and people friendly policies.

turing to change the existing culture would admittedly cause hurt and Venturing to change the existing culture would admittedly cause hurt and difficulties as also pointed out by the Prime Minister in his interaction with businessmen in the Geo TV programme. The raising of traffs on gas, electricity and oil during the last ten months and other revenue generating measures and the steps suggested in the budget to expand the tax net are the much required ingredients of the approach to fix the economy. They were imperative and the government showed rare commitment and courage to put them into place without fearing for the political backlash and the flak directed at it by its political opponents and the vested interests.

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tunity to the people and the businessmen to declare their hidden assets and participate in the national effort to bid adieu to non-tax paying culture and taking the country to the path of self-reliance and sustainable economic development. Currently the informal economy in Pakistan accounts for \$35.50% of the total economy which is an alarming situation and is also one of the stumbling blocks in the efforts aimed at socio-economic development.

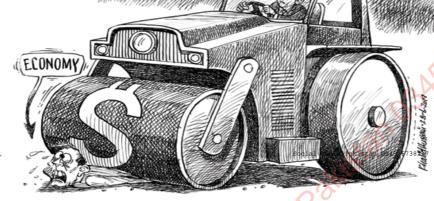
For the government to be able to plan future economic strategies and lifting economic profile of the country it is imperative to document the economy and to create and diversify the avenues of revenue generation with a futuristic view. That is exactly what the government is trying to do. The Prime Ministic volument of the seconomy of the proper simultaneously extending assurances that the taxes raised would be spent on the people and retiring the deb tunden. His passionate appeal to the people come forward and have trus: in the government was very much required in the backdrop of the existing lack of trust in the government by the people in regards to spending the money taken from them.

People need to understand that the government does not have a magic wand to fix all the maladies afflicting the economy and orchestrate a turnaround without their participation in this national effort through payment of taxes and doing business in a transparent and legal way. That is how they can help themselves and the country to have a prosperous future. The Assets Declaration scheme affords them the best possibility to begin that journey.



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We do not pay taxes. We have to change ourselves. Our tax collection rate is the lowest in the world and Pakistan cannot continue as a state with the current state of affairs



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Despite all technological developments and their incorporation in public sector. the business processes of these sectors remain unchanged and reliance is largely on manual system of communication prevalent since last century.

OPINIO

Need of 'Charter of Common Man' not 'Charter of Power'

harter of Democracy (CoD) exists in its form but has neither been practiced nor has the any other party including PTI yet adopted it. The CoD was created and signed for the sake of maintaining sus-

igned for the sake of maintaining sus-tainability in democracy, improve-ment of the rule and for the inde-pendence of judiciary.

It was unfortunate to note that the parties raise the slogans of charters, and the most recently announced charter is the Charter of Economy (CoE) which I will call smarriage of connivance between the as marriage of connivance between the government and the opposition. If it is signed then obviously it will again be implemented

at the cost of a common man who will continue to suffer through the price hike. Common man does not understand CoE but is interest man does not understand GOE but is interest-ed as to how it would affect his day to day fi-nancial needs. Would this GOE provide the re-lief to the common man? The answer is no, but it will provide an opportunity to the govern-ment to get away with this price hike at the cost of a common man. The COE has emerged not for love of a com-mon man but to get the smooth sailing of the

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The COE has emerged not for love of a common man but to get the smooth sailing of the government using this slogan. I wish the opposition and government would have proposed a charter of common man (Misaq-e-Aam Adami) based on the principles of Islam and social justice. I hardly see the use of word of a common man in our economic system.

The Charter of Allah as ordained in the Holy Quran, in fact, fully protects a common man. He does not stop a human being to be rich but has asked you to be kind to the poor and look after them. We human beings are connected to one another which breed love & care. What draws us closer to each other are the moments of coperation, support and help during Happiness operation, support and help during Happiness

Unfortunately the commandments of Allah on Unfortunately the commandments of Allah on Zakat and Usher are neither being much talked about our Islamic Republic as a starting point to alleviate the poverty nor it finds its place in our economic policies, which is not only deviation from the divine commandments but also amounts to dishonesty and selfishness. There is a long list of taxes becoming a burden on a common man on daily basis and the common, in fact, is being pushed to wall.

The two were taxes that Islam has empha-

The two very taxes that Islam has empha-sized upon are Zakat and Usher have also not been implemented whereas according to Islam been implemented whereas according to Islam, it is compulsory for a true Muslim that he has to pay Zakat which is basically a mean to help poor and needy person. The . Zakat purifies the rest of the money left with us. "Zakat" literally means to purify, and by paying the zakat, Allahactually blesses and purifies the money that is left with us. Zakat is an obligation and duty for every believer win Albah and the Last Day. Its importance in Islam can be noted. from the fact that Zakat is divinely considered as one of the five pillars of Islam. Here are the rulings of Zakat in Islam:

Here are the rulings of Zakat in Islam:
Zakat becomes mandatory if you accumulate
your savings. You saved 100,000, you have to
pay 2.5% of your savings to the poor and the
needy who are living below poverty line (as per
Sharia it should be given to Muslims).
If you have gold jewellery the zakat applies to
the gold jewellery after one year.
If you possess a house where you stay, zakat
do not apply to it. But if you possess two houses
and you are getting rent as income for the second house then it is obligatory to pay zakat on
the second house.

the second house. Similarly, Zakat on agricultural products is

called Ushr. If a farmer has obtained quality crops from the land and reaches nisab, he is licrops from the land and reaches nisab, he is li-able to pay 1/10th or its equivalent in silver or gold as Ushr. It is obligatory for him to pay 10% of the produce if the land is naturally irrigated by rain. But the farmer has to pay only 5% if the land is irrigated by other means of irrigation like wells, rivers, tributaries.

Zakat is a perfect way to redistribute the wealth, thus defining a charity-based economy with a particular interest in the poor and the dispossessed Muslims. Allah has made Za-kat obligatory for all who are able to do so, and

kat obligatory for all who are able to do so, and it is considered to be a personal responsibility for Muslims to ease economic hardship for othit is considered to be a personal responsibility or Muslims to ease economic hardship for other Muslims to eliminate inequality among followers of Islam.

I firmly believe that the honest supervision of collection of Zakat and Usher can resolve our major Economic crunch.

Those less fortunate people are often deprived of, health care, good education, inexpensive justice, fair criminal justice system, job quarantee, equal changes and opportunities

guarantee, equal chances and opportunities according to merit, right to vote without fear, standard living as well as the right of freedom

according to merit, right to vote without fear, standard living as well as the right of freedom of speech. We are lacking in providing equal opportunities to all because we are failing to provide social justice to our georgia. Wedan i Pakasa a centrated in few hands; poor are looked down upon and people enjoy suppressing the weak. We as nation have failed to make any qualitative changes in the life of a common man as the political system of our country is failing miserably, rulers make fake promises while asking for votes and fake slogans of change are raised. Due to lack of education and knowledge, common people are unaware of their rights as well as poor are left to die of hunger or disease as there is no proper health system.

Can we protect these rights through a charter with a common man? Perhaps not for long time as the feudal system provide opportunity to the rich to use poor people to their advantage.

The sole intention of whosoever rises to power in our country is to gather as much of wealth as they can during their tenure instead of bring-ing reforms for the betterment of their people.

As James Freeman Clarke has said:
"A politician thinks of the next election; a statesman thinks of the next generation".

Let us see our ruler follow this principle in the

charter with a common man. An English Journalist, Walter Bagehot said:

"A constitutional statesman is in general man of common opinions and uncommon

amilties.

This shows that real statesman should act and think like a common man as he is elected by the common people for the common people. Again it can be resolved as charter with a com-

The division with social fibre increases unrest within the society whereas even today at one hand the charter of economy is talking about the welfare of the common man, but in reality it

the welfare of the common man, but in reality it is aimed at to resolve the government's political difference on major budget points. So there is nothing for the common man but more for the government and less for the opposition.

I want to ask as to where exactly is the welfare of common man which is supposed to be protected by the CoE? I am raising my voice against our unjustified socio - Economic political system which has so far failed to give relief to a common man of my country. to a common man of my country.

Did we ever involve the common man in bud-

get making? No

get making? No
Did we ever conduct a pre-budget survey
from an independent and transparent manners
to asses the voice of compon man — No
We politicians fight for power and name at the
cost of a common man who unfortunately continues to remain on receiving end & still waves
us with the hope that leaders one day will give
them better life for their children.

It is very and no note that the suicide enidement

It is very said to note that the suicide epidem-ic is on the rise in Pakistan for the last many years due to worsening economy and it is likely to rise even more. The depression is rising

by to rise even more. The depression is rising and people are getting into drug addiction. The crude suicide rate per 100,000 per year in Paki-axaa9445c669882kgh as 4.4.

There should be a symbolic charter between political parties and Government with a "common man" witnessed by the whole pariiament. This charter should be part of the condition to allow the party for registration and contesting in elections.

in elections.

It should be displayed on the walls of the Parliament & provincial assembly halls as a reminder as a duty towards our common masses.

It is my point of view that we have failed to

It is my point of view that we have falled to give right of charter to common man to allow the poor masses to have their part of the welfare. I propose "charter of Common man' within the large based charter of coonomy. A charter without including the direct benefit of common man will be nothing but merely a "marriage of convenience" to rule over the common man and not create the right rule of economy.

I am up for a charter of a "common man".

#Whatstrending

The top opinions on Twitter



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Imran Khan 🍪 @ImranKhanPTI Congratulations to our cricket team for a great comeback. Congratulations especially go to Babar, Haris and Shaheen for their brilliant performances.



Japanese Airline wanted to start flight on Islamabad-Bankok-Tokyo route, said Japanese Ambassador Kuninori Matsuda during a meeting with Minister for Aviation



Sheikh Rashid Ahmad @ @ShkhR... unbeatable v/s unpredictable team #Pak

□■ #PakVNZ #cwc19 ‡



taryam Nawaz Sharif 🤣 @Marya.. Today too only 5 members (close blood relatives) were allowed to meet MNS, that too under strict surveillance. This is violation of basic human rights. If this is Jaali hakoomat's response to my conviction & principled stance, I am NOT going to be a passive spectator. Beware.



Bushra Gohar @ @BushraGoha Bushra Gohar © @Busnravonar
#APC's are proving to be pretty uselessused by Political leaders as a delaying/wait
& see tactic...huge public challenges
require political leadership getting out of their comfort zones, presenting alternatives & mobilising public opinion. Empty rhetoric hardly the solution.



Mehreen Kasana @ @mehreenkas... Stepping out of my role as a reporter to say: I truly wish a debate at this level sincerely discussed the lives of the civilians on the receiving end of American wars, not just the soldiers. I haven't heard a single candidate mention the non-Americans slaughtered by U.S. wars.

VIEWPOINT

Do you think social media has been too harsh in its criticism of Pakistani Cricket Team?

Yes 52% No 45% Don't know | 03%

Do you think Ranjit Singh is a part of our Punjabi culture?

orld Wars and art movements reacting to them, I feel that it is perhaps time to re-imagine an Arcadia."

Born in 1978 in Karachi, Asim Butt abandoned his PhD abandoned his PhD in history at Univer-sity of California and returned to Paki-stan to pursue a ca-reer in arts. Asim's work, which includ-d murals graffiti ed murals, graffiti drawings, paintings



was always public and political. When Musharraf imposed emergency in November 2007, Butt painted an ejection sign across November 2007. Butt painted an ejection sign across the walls of Karachi to protest for the ejection of dictatorship. Similarly, after Benzair's assassination, Asim painted "stop" on the buses and cars which were burnt down by the protestors to plead for an end to such a violent madness. He also painted two murals on the walls of the shrine of Abdullah Shah Ghazi; first one was based on the Iraq war, the second one was on the gluesniffing urchins he met while painting his first mural. But the murals were deemed too vulgar for a Pakistani eye and were washed by the municipal committee. Similarly, Asim once removed the words P and O from "Police" written on a container, reducing one of the most

ilarly, Asim once removed the words P and 0 from "Po-lice" written on a container, reducing one of the most feared state institutions into a mere insect. These are some of the examples of Asim's "controversial", non-conformist art work. He committed suicide in 2010. Asim Butt used his arts to push the boundaries of expressions, to reveal the violence involved in the rig-id, orthodox structures of our time. His critical, polit-ical works are marked by a yearning for compassion, beauty, empathy; values we can no longer see and ap-preciate because of our socialization in multiple kinds of political, religious and social authoritarianisms.



The poor condition of the roads in Karachi

The bad condition of the roads causes a lot of inconvenience to the people, causing traffic jams and accidents during ak office hours.

the peak office hours.

The piles of garbage and rubbish can be seen everywhere on the roads. The stinking smell from the festering garbage has become unbearable in some places. The lack of a proper drainage system is also responsible for the damage. It should come as no surprise to find that a poor drainage system results in water a poor drainage system results in water flooding of the roads which in turn damages them. This bad system has generated many fatal diseases as well and is polluting the environment.

The whole transport system is bad-ly affected due to the poor conditions of the roads. The concerned authorities are requested to take necessary action in this regard.

in this regard. SARIM BIN FAISAL,

In this busy world, we have become materialistic. We don't have time for others. We do not think about the problems of others. This scientific world has made us robots with no feelings. We all have become impatient and do not understand people around us. You should try to understand the people around you because you are in this world to help others. The person you are arguing with

Try to understand

may have some problems you are not trying to understand. We have to tolerate little things in life.

The basic thing is to understand the mind of Human beings. If a person is smiling, perhaps he is also hiding hundreds of sorrows. You should, therefore, try to unrstand the heart and mind of po

How to create a war in a region

The latest incidents of attacks Tankers anchored in the Gulf Oman highlights how a warmongering nation creates situations to spark re nation creates situations to spark regional Wars. Pakistan, along with other
countries like China, Russia and Muslim
states, should highlight such moves in
the International media and by push for
resolutions in the UN.
The situation started deteriorating as
soon as American warships entered the
Gulf of Oman to help protect the World
from so-called threats of Iran.
Anchored ships were attacked. Soon,
the USA and the UK started informing the
media that they had devastating proofs
of Iran's involvement.

The USA asked the President of Japan The USA asked the President of Japan to visit Iran with a message of peace. When the Japanese President was still in Iran, a new attack involving one Japanese tanker took place. The US released a video showing supposedly Iranian boats putting on the magnetic mijes in order to create a wave of any mines in order to create a wave of an-ger against Iran and to urge Japanese

President to declare war against Iran.
But the whole scheme of the USA and
UK was exposed when the owners of lap-anese tankers disputed this video re-leased by the US. In a press conference, they stated how it was the other side of their tanker which was attacked and that

their tanker which was attacked and that too by a flying object, a technology that the US specializes in. The countries around the world, espe-cially Japan that was being dragged into a War, should not allow such schemes to continue and should seriously reprimand the US and UK through sanctions and oth-er measures. Pakistan too should use this er measures. Pakistan too should use this opportunity to help bring Saudi Arabia and Iran together and deter such schemes by curbing their differences. A Dispute Resolution group should be created, with Pakistan as its Chairman and Saudi Ara bia and Iran as its members, in which all

ENGR SHAHRYAR KHAN BASEER,

Air pollution

Without food we can live for three Without food we can live for three weeks, without water we also can live for three weeks, but without breathing, we can't live for three minutes. We face a lot of problems when we breathe because of air pollution. According to WHO, last year more than 70 lac people died due to air pollution. Air pollution is named as the most horrifying problem, which is destroying both human beings and the Ozone layer. We, the living beings, have created this problem.

chistan people usually burn their gar-bages near their homes or on roads. Due to this, the dust flies up in the sky Due to this, the dust flies up in the sky and gets mixed with the oxygen and can make breathing difficult. It also affects the ozone layer. In a recent report of scientists, a big hole has been shown in the ozone layer. The report stated how if air pollution is not controlled, it can destroy the world. I suggest everyone to not burn garbages and I request the Prime Minister to take serious action about air pollution. MUNEEB MAQSOOD,

Friendship with smoking

Do you feel like you have a relation-ship with your cigarettes? A lot of smokers do. It is common for smokers to describe cigarette as their friends, which lifts their mood when the day's drudgery is over. Smoking, however, is like a friend who only wears the mask of goodness, but kills you silently behind your back. Asking someone to stop smoking is like asking them to give up on something valuable, which in reality is harmful to them. is harmful to them

In conclusion, all of you smokers should In conclusion, all of you smokers should quit smoking since it has a very harmful impact on your health as well as on the health of the people around you. Break-ing up your friendship with smoking will not only benefit you but will also improve your health it is never too late to quit!

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asked to take full benefit of Assets Declaration Ord

PESHAWAR (STAFF REPORT PESHAWAR (STAFF REPORT-ER): Officials of the Regional Tax Office (RTO) Peshawar have asked the women busi-nesspersons to take full ben-efit of the Assets Declaration Ordinance 2019 to bring their undeclared assets into documented economy.

occumented economy.

A four member team of Regional Tax Office Peshawar, comprising on Additional Commissioner Salma Khan, Deputy Commissioner Riaz Ahmad, Assistant Commissioner Rida Ahmad, Assistant Commissioner Nida and Commissioner Nida and Commissioner Nida and Commissioner Occumented the Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry Peshawar and gave a detailed briefing to the business community on the Assets Declaration Scheme 2019, said a press statement issued here on Thursday.

Besides, the WCCI Pesha-

2019, said a press statement issued here on Thursday. Besides, the WCCI Pesha-war president, Azra Jamshid, founder president of the chamber Ms Fitrat Ilyas and other office bearers, a large number of women businesspersons were present on the

The team of Regional Tax Office Peshawar briefed the participants about the Assets Declaration Ordinance 2019 and regarding various taxes and mentioned irritants due to not availing the benefit from the scheme and non-payment of different taxes. They also informed about online filing of declarations through FBR web portal. The officials viewed that revenue collection was not the main agenda of Assets Declaration Scheme 2019, rather it was meant for allowing undocumented economy into taxation system. They added that the scheme focused on economic revival The team of Regional Tax

focused on economic revival and growth by encouraging a

The RTO team elaborated that any undisclosed as-sets acquired up to 30th June 2018 could be declared June 2018 could be declared through this scheme on pay-ment of nominal taxes. He said that scheme was opened by 30th June 2019 and would not be further extended.

PSX stays bearish, loses 314 points

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ISLAMABAD (APP): The
KSE 100-index of Pakistan
Stock Exchange (PSX) witnessed a bearish trend on
Thursday as it lost 314.14
points (0.93%) to close at
33774.42 points.
A total of 111,731,650
shares were traded, whereas
the value of shares traded
during the day stood at Rs
4.215 billion.

0ut of 307 companies, share prices of 129 companies recorded increase while that of 156 companies reg-istered decline whereas 22

istered decline whereas 22 companies remained stable. KEL was the volume lead-er with 24,990,500 shares, and its per share price de-creased by 0.02 to close at Rs 4.21 per share. PAEL remained the run-ner up with 7.528,000

ner up with 7,528,000 shares traded during the day and its price decreased by Rs0.48 per share to close at Rs 20.01 followed close at Rs 20.01 followed by FFBL, trading volume of which was recorded at 6,485,000 shares, and its price per share increased by Rs0.10 and closed at Rs17.95 per share.

PRECIOUS METALS PRICES IN PAKISTANI RUPEE









GDP to further shrink to 2.7pc in FY2019-20: Fitch Solutions

IMRAN ALI KUNDI ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's GDP would further plunge to 2.7 percent in next fiscal year (2091-20) mainly due to the tighter m and fiscal policies as result of the Inter-national Monetary Fund (IMF)'s bailout package, said Fitch Solutions in its latest analysis of Pakistan's economy. The macro research arm of the global credit ratings agency revised its forecast for Pakistan's real GDP growth to come in at 3.2 percent in outgoing fiscal year FY18/19 and 2.7 percent in upcoming fiscal year FY19/20 from 4.4 percent in FY19/20 previously. This is mainly due to the tighter monetary and fiscal policies amid an already subdued economic growth outlook. Inflation has been on the rise in Pakistan, increasing by 9.1 percent on annual basis in May, compared with 4.2 percent in same period of previous year. Moreinalysis of Pakistan's economy. The mad

basis in May, compared with 4.2 percent in same period of previous year. Morever, as part of the deal with the IMF, Paldistan promised to reduce its primary deficit to 0.6 percent of GDP in FY19/20, primarily through tax-based measures including raising the tax rate on sugar from 8 percent to 17 percent and moving cigarette taxes into higher brackets. "Given our expectations for continued unside en our expectations for continued upside pressure on consumer prices over the coming months, we believe that the concoming months, we believe that the con-sumers' purchasing power will continue to fall over the coming months, thereby weighing on consumption. However, we note that some of the effect of price hikes

Growth to fall due to tighter monetary and fiscal policies

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will be partially offset by the govern-ment's populist measures, such as pro-viding electricity subsidies to consumers who use less than 300 units of electricity per month,' the Fitch Solutions noted. It forecasted government spending (around 12 percent of GDP) to slow in growth to 6.4 percent in FY19/20, down from 14.2 percent in FY19/20, down from 14.2 percent in FY19/18, as the country embarks on an austerity drive. IMF bailout packages typically require countries to undergo fiscal consolidation, which usually include austerity measures. While Pakistan and the IMF have agreed While Pakistan and the IMF have agreed on focusing on tax-based measures to manage the fiscal deficit, according to media reports, we believe that the Pakistani government will fall short of its ambitious revenue targets and will likely have to cut spending to meet the primary deficit tar-get of 0.6 percent of GDP, it added. "We expect to see little improvement

We expect to see little improvem in Pakistan's net exports, which recorded a deficit of around 11% of GDP in FY17/18. Despite the government's ef-

global growth to slow from 3.2% in 2018 to 2.9% by 2020, with growth in two of the largest main export destinations, the US and China, slowing to 2.0% and 6.1% respectively by 2020, from 2.9% and 6.6% in 2018, Fitch Solutions noted.

Moreover, it believed that imports could increase over the coming months acting as a slight drag on growth. Given that Pakistan's main imports are petroleum and its products (around 28 percent of total imports); rising oil prices will likely weigh on net exports. Our Oil and Gas team forecasts Brent Crude oil prices to average USD70/barrel (bbl) in 2019 and USD76/bbl in 2020, from a year-to-date average of USD66.15/bbl. The impact of rising oil prices on imports will be exacerbated by a weakening currency. Following the agreement with the IMF, the Pakistani rupee has been devalued by more than 10% to as a slight drag on growth. Given that Pak has been devalued by more than 10% to around PKR157/USD at the time of writ-

around PKR157/USD at the time of writing, from around PKR142/USD before the agreement took place in May. Fitch solution believed that investment, which accounts for approximately 17 percent of GDP, will slow in growth to 5.1 percent in FY19/20, from 5.7 percent in FY19/18, as tighter monetary policy implemented by the SBP will likely weigh on investment. Since the start of the fiscal ware fully 2018, the SRP has increased its ar (July 2018), the SBP has increased its policy rate by 575bps, to 12.3 percent in FY17/18. Despite the government's efforts to increase export competitiveness. May from 6.5 percent in the beginning of such as subsidising electricity and gas to the industrial and export sectors, a global slowdoos iail likely aw. gas. ia slowdoos iail likely aw. gas. ia show cover the coming months. Our view is for the monetary policy transmission in the

country. In addition, business sentiment will likely remain subdued in Pakistan, leading to slower investment growth. Pakistan's Karachi Stock Exchange-100 Index has already fallen by more than 14% since July 2018, reaching the lowest levels since March 2016, suggesting that investor confidence in the economy has fallen. The large-scale manufacturing (LSM) inches large-scale manufacturing (IsM) industries have also been contracting over the past few months, with the quantum index recording a 6.7% y-o-y decline in March. With a slowdown of manufacturing activity, we expect to see a fall in investment appetite related to LSM industries, such as investment in capital.

That said, investment related to the CPEC, a centrepiece of China's Belt and Road Initiative, will likely provide some support to the economy over the coming quarters. Construction of many key CPEC projects has already started and will large-scale manufacturing (LSM) indus

CPEC projects has already started and will CPEC projects has already started and will stretch over the coming years. In addition, there are more projects in the pipeline that are still at the planning stage but will likely commence soon. We believe that the CPEC will continue to make progress given China's continued push on project implementation and the improving bilateral relationship between the two countries. Debt concerns, which were one of the major challenges for CPEC projects, also seem to have receded for now. In also seem to have receded for now. In December 2018, Pakistan's Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms and the Chinese embassy in Pakistan released statements to improve transparency of the financials relating to CPEC projects.



Government will fall short of its ambitious revenue targets and will likely have to cut spending to meet the primary deficit target of 0.6 percent of GDP



ISLAMARAD: A vendor is selling fruits in capital city.—INP

Govt hopes IMF will approve \$6b bailout package on July 3

Pakistan believes that International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Pakistan believes that International Monetary Fund (IMF) would approve bailout package worth of \$6 billion in its executive board meeting on July 3, 2019 as Islamabad has taken all advance actions agreed with the Fund. Pakistan had agreed with the IMF for taking tough economic decisions before the Fund executive board meeting, which would consider approving loan programme follamabad. An IMF mission led by Ernesto Ramirez Rigo visited Pakistan from April 29 to May 11, to discuss IMF support for the authorities' economic reform programme. support for the authorities' economic reform programme. On 12 May 2019, Pakistani authorities and the IMF team

On 12 May 2019, Pakistani authorities and the IMF team reached a staff level agreement. The agreement is subject to IMF Executive Board approval, which would meet on July 3. Pakistan has met IMF's prior conditions including a market based exchange rate, a raise in the discount rate and 0.6 percent primary deficit in budget for fiscal year 2019-20. In last couple of days, the rupee value has gone down to historic low level. The US dollar rose by Rs2.34 in the interbank market to reach Rs164.5 on Thursday, Market sources are of the view that Pakistan had agreed with IMF to take the dollar value to Rs165 before its executive board meeting. Pakistani currency is under pressure since board meeting. Pakistani currency is under pressure since



After taking tough decisions on IMF demand. govt would further power prices in next few months

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Meanwhile, the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet on Wednesday approved in principle up to 191 per cent increase in gas price. The government has also given approval to increase the electricity price by Rs1.5 per unit. However, there would be no increase for the domestic consumers using up to 300 units per month. Pakistan in staff level agreement with IMF had agreed to increase the prices of gas and electricity to reduce the soaring circular debt and losses. As per plan, the government would increase the power tariff by Rs2.60 per unit in two stages, enhancing g the tariff to Rs 15.58 per unit from existing rates of Rs 12.98 per unit. Sources said that government would further increase the power prices in next few months.

The SBP had already increased hiked the key interest rate by 150 basis points to a 91-month (nearly eight-year) high at 12.25 percent in anticipation of acceleration of inflation under the IMF loan programme. The government had agreed to increase the key interest rate by two percentage points under the 39-month IMF loan programme worth \$6 billion. Accordingly, the latest rate hike was a must to get IMF board's final approval for the loan.

Uncontrollable dollar hits Rs164 in interbank market

Pakistani rupee further lost its value by Rs1.84 against the US dollar on Thursday and reached Rs164 in the interbank market. In the open market, the greenback is being traded at Rs164.25 after an increase of 1.25 paisas. Within just two days, surprisingly, the devaluation of the local currency has been recorded to be more than Rs7, a private television channel reported Thursday. The massive fresh devaluation of rupee has been observed despite assurance of the new governor of the State Bank of Pakistan

Thursday. The massive fresh devaluation of rupee has been observed despite assurance of the new governor of the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Governor Reza Baqir that there would be no free-float in the market as it was not suitable for the country's economy. He had said that the exchange rate would be market-based.

However, the value of the US dollar against the rupee touched another historical high as the greenback hit Rs162.16 in the interbank market after rupee devalued by Rs5.18. The significant hike in the value of the US dollar has raised fears that prices of essential commodities, particularly imported products, would follow the similar trend. Since the start of this month, the rupee has been devalued by Rs16.42 which in turn has raised Pakistan's external debt by more than Rs1,400 billion.

According to experts, the government must ensure implementations on economic policies after the deal with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). It is anticipated that the US dol-

Fund (IMF). It is anticipated that the US dol-lar rate would fluctuate for some time, and the value of the Pakistani rupee would stabilise after proper implementation of the economic after proper implementation of the economic policies. Economists, amid the widespread speculations about the currency's free-float in the market, fear that the rate of the greenback may rise further. Currency dealers are anticipating that the financial year end, coupled with rumors about a higher future value of the dollar, are responsible for the current situation. Last week, State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Governor Reza Baqir held a press conference, and took husinessmen and investors into con-

Governor Reza Bagir neid a press conference, and took businessmen and investors into confidence that Pakistan had accepted all conditions of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and expressed hope that the global moneylender would approve the bailout to Pakistan on this 2

moneylender would approve the bailout to Pakistan on July 3.

Furthermore, following the approval, other international financial institutions are also likely to extend financial assistance to Paki-stan, which in consequence would result in high inflows of the greenback. The volatility in the currency market had subsided in the days prior to Eid-ul-Fitr amid high inflows during the festive season. the festive season

BUSIN

Utility Stores be exempted from paying tax: MPs

A parliamentary committee Thursday said that since Utility Stores Corporation (USC) is a welfare organisation therefore it must be exempted from paying tax. The functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas, that met with senator Usman Kakar in chair, was informed by Managing Director, USC Omar Lodhi that the Utility Store was paying taxes worth Rs 6 billion to the FBR, per annum which is causing the organization a bottom line negative of Rs 7 billion. He claimed that the issues that weigh the organization down are taxes and Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules that compel the organization to go for the lowest possible the organization to go for the lowest possible bidder. The trend of hiring daily wage labour bidder. The trend of hiring daily wage labour is another issue that is a negative for the organization, making it impossible to crackdown on corruption and hoarding.

The committee recommended that since Utility Stores Corporation (USC) is a welfare organization so it must be exempt from pay-

ing tax. This was said while deliberating over the performance and challenges of the orga-nization. While discussing the implementation of recommendation made in previous meetings, Chairman Committee, Senator Us-man Khan Kakar enquired about the status of setting up mobile stores in remote areas such as Chitral, Musa Khel, Sorab, Awaran, Kachi, Bolan, Mastung, Achakzai, Toba, Kakri,

Kachi, Bolan, Mastung, Achakzai, Toba, Kakri, Qamadin, Karez. MD Utility Stores informed the Committee that setting up mobile stores at this point would cause a further crunch on the budget, which is barely enough to pay salaries. He said that in a few months the organization would be in a position to both this endeave. would be in a position to begin this endeav our. The Committee encouraged the organi zation to set-up more stores in less d oped areas, especially in District Musa Khel and Sherani. MD USC Omar Lodhi assured and Sherani. MD USC Omar Lodhi assured the Committee that USC seeks expansion and will open up a new store in Musa Khel within four months. The Committee was informed that the criteria followed for expansion was population and distance. The Committee recommended that to ensure that the USC fulfils its purpose it is crucial, that systems are in place. It was rec-ommended that the FBR and PPRA be summoned in the next meeting, so that more de-tails of that USC tax may be procured. It also suggested that Utility stores be increased in less developed areas, especially in remote areas of Punjab.

nittee directed USC that contract The Committee directed USC that contract employees be regularized and the recruitment process that is pending for the last 5 - 6 years be completed. It also stressed the need for a computerized system to be developed throughout the country, so that USC records for inventory, stocks, sales, purchase of products be majorationed to ensure checks and ballucts be maintained to ensure checks and bal-

ances and eradicate corruption.

Chaired by Senator Usman Khan Kakar, Chaired by Senator Usman Khan Kakar, the meeting was attended by Senator Kul-soom Parveen, Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen, Senator Gianchand and se-nior officers from the Ministry for Industries and Productions, Utility Stores Corporation along with all concerned.

Social media becomes effective tool for tour operators to attract tourists

APP ISLAMABAD

With fast changing modes of communications and pub-licity, nowadays social media has become an effective tool for tour operators to attract maximum number of both local and foreign tourists for scenic destinations located in different parts of the country especially northern areas. The dream of the present government to make Pakistan a tourism brand internationally is not

to make Pakistan a tourism brand internationally is not far from becoming true as tourism industry has embraced digitalization to ensure increased connectivity between service providers and clients.

The tour operators working across the country have termed the social media networking sites a resourceful tool for sensitizing the travelers about world class tourist sites awaiting explorers. The social media offering low-cost advertisement facility has transformed the tourism sector and discouraged the traditional ways of business promotion, Head of Adventure Island Club Jawad Ali Shah told APP Thursday.

"Now, there is no need to make brochures, cloth ban-

"Now, there is no need to make brochures, cloth ban ners and arrange sessions to attract potential clients. This is the possible fastest and cost-effective way to reach maximum people," he maintained. He said Face-book was charging minimum Rs 100 per day for placing



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an ad on it. The number of viewers of that ad could be doubled by paying more for an advertisement.

The Facebook usually charged Rs 5,000 for an ad which was viewed by 100,000 people, he added. Apart from advertisement, the social media was also facilitating the tour operators to gather interested tourists on a single platform to plan different trips in groups, lawad said. He platform to plan different trips in groups, Jawad said. He said a record breaking number of tourists visited Paki stan in 2016 compared to the last decade (2005-2015) due to use of social media tool among tourist operators.

due to use of social media tool among tourist operators. Secretary Alpine Club of Pakistan Karar Haideri said the social Secied Pakistan Karar Haideri said the social Secied Pakistan Karar Haideri said the social Secied Pakistan Karar Haideri said in getting updated, about weather and road condition of any tourism destination. Besides, he said it educated tourists about the focals' behavior, tradition, norms and cleanliness rules. The social media was also helpful in holding accountable the non-professional and seasonal businessmen, who were violating terms and conditions of tour package by not providing agreed facilities. He said around one million tourists were visiting tourist spots across the country annually since 2016 after the digitization was embraced by this sector. Karar said social media had also some repercussions as mushroom growth of non-professional tour operators online was ruining the business of professional entrepreneurs.

CORPORATE CORNER

First batch of 'She Wins' graduates



LAHORE (PR): Under the project of e-Rozgaar by Punjab Informa-tion Technology Board (PITB), She tion Technology Board (PTIB), She Wins, a training program designed to develop skills in women for their career growth and empowerment has its first batch with 50 students graduating here Thursday. "We all need to contribute one way or the other so that the society remains relevant in times to come." said the relevant in times to come," said the Director Entrepreneurship PITB Atif Mumtaz while addressing the trainees on this occasion. She Wins is a one week training program focused on helping women develop skills for their career growth and

ICAP organises Golden Jubilee Members Recognition Ceremony

LAHORE (PR): The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Paki-stan organised the Golden Jubilee Members Recognition Ceremony to honor and appreciate the services of those senior members who have of those senior members who have been a part of the Institute for 50 years or more. The ceremony paid homage to and commemorated members who have been an inte-gral part of ICAP and have shown unwavering loyalty to the institu-tion for 50 years or more.

Evercare Hospital Lahore opens



LAHORE (PR): Thursday marked the opening of Evercare Hospital Lahore, a new private multi-specialty healthcar facility based in cialty healthcare facility based in Wapda Town that will commence operations this month. The hospi-tal is Pakistan's first LEED (Leader-ship in Energy and Environment) Gold certified facility in the coun-try. The hospital aims to be the leading provider of affordable and quality healthcare to the citizens of Lahore and its catchment areas. of Lahore and its catchment areas. The hospital has been designed and equipped to best practice with regards to infection control and atient safety by reputed local and nternational consultants.

Daraz Mobile Week delivers on big promises

LAHORE (PR): Daraz Mobile Week LAHORE (PR): Daraz Mobile Week is live and going strong! It's the biggest electronic sale of the year and comes packed with mega deals, vouchers, storewide flash sales and more. The scope of the sale is bigger this year than before as the ecommerce platform has not only lowered prices on smartphones and accessories but also electronics like televisions, air conditioners, microwaves and even motorcycles and cars. So far, Daraz has sold over 20 cars in this year's sale.

IMC to support athletes to represent Pakistan in Olympics, Paralympics Games

LAHORE (STAFF REPORTER): Indus Motors Company (IMC) will support Saadi Abbas Jalbani, local karate athlete, and Zainab Barkat, national wheelchair table tennis champion, to represent Pakistan in the Olympic Games and Paralympics Games Tokyo 2020. "This is part of company's global 'Start Your Impossible' initiative that reflects the Olympic and Paralympics spirit of encouragement, challenge and progress," said CEO IMC Ali Asghar Jamali during a press conference at a local hotel on Thursday. He added that this global initiative highlights the company's mission of creating a barrier-free sciety and relights the company's mission of creating a barrier-free society and re-inforces its values of humility, hard work, overcoming challenges, and never giving up. "IMC has supported athletes to keep Pakistani flag high in international events. We believe that Saadi Abbas and Zainab Barkat will achieve marvelous success in their journey to pic Games and Paralympics Games Tokyo 2020" said Ali

PAKISTAN STOCK EXCHANGE

COMPANY NAME	OPEN	HIGH	CLOSE	VOL
AUTOMOBILE ASSEMBLER				
Al-Ghazi Tractors Limited.	320	315	-6.8	600
Atlas Honda Limited (XDIXB)	310	299	8	2,300
Dewan Farooque Motors Limited	7.05	6.75	-0.02	69,500
Ghandhara Industries Ltd.	91	85.3	-3.74	117,200
Ghandhara Nissan Ltd.	51.99	49.12	-0.53	121,500
Ghani Automobile Industries Ltd.	3.5	3.3	0.02	49,500
Honda Atlas Cars (Pak) Ltd.(ND)	154,44	143.81	-638	351,000
Indus Motor Company Ltd.	1189	1101	3438	6,420
Millat Tractor Ltd.(XID) Pak Suzuki Motors Co Ltd.(XID)	849 239.5	820.2 230.18	-0.96 -11.97	10,950
Sazgar Engineering Works Ltd. AUTOMOBILE PARTS & ACC			-0.81	900
Agriautos Industries Co. Ltd.	199.99	192.87	-3.01	2,500
Adas Battery Ltd.	95	90.5	1.79	2,600
Baluchistan Wheels Ltd.	61.15	61.15	-3.21	500
Exide Pakistan Ltd.	138.5	138.5	-0.5	300
General Tyre & Rubber Co.	56.7	53.74	-2.82	275,000
Loads Limited.	14.5	14.06	0.24	43,000
Thal Limited.	365.11	361.11	-6.62	55,200
CABLE & ELECTRICAL GOOD		22.5		
EMCO Industries Ltd.	22.66	22.66	-1.19	500
Johnson & Philips (Pak) Ltd.	44.5	42	2:07	1,000
Pak Elektron Ltd.	20.3	19.02		7,528,000
Pakistan Cables Ltd.(XID)	135	130.83	-27	900
WAVES Singer Pakistan Ltd.	22.75	21,75	-0.18	74,000
CEMENT				
Attock Cement Pak Ltd.	72	68.4	-0.18	32,500
Bestway Cement Limited.	103:49	97.02	-1.95	2,000
Cherat Cement Co. Ltd.	31.43	29.5	-1.17	504,000
D. G. Khan Cement Co. Ltd.	56.39	54.75	-0.3	
Dewan Gement Limited.	8.19	7.8	0.04	309,500
Fauji Cement Co Ltd.	15.3	14.99		1,666,500
Fecto Cement Ltd.	19.4	18.55	-0.1	1,000
Flying Cement Company Ltd.	13.5	12.7	-0.13	8,500
Gharibwal Cement Ltd.	10.65	10.4	0.3	10,500
Javedan Corporation Ltd.	30.55	30	0.38	290,000
Kohat Cement Co. Ltd.	54.08	51.75	-1.5	196,000
Lucky Cement Limited.	386	370.3	-752	1,163,700
Maple Leaf Cement Factory Ltd.	23.87	22.75	-0.51	
Pioneer Cement Ltd.	23.2 6.38	21.91	-0.52	640,000
Power cement Limited				216,000
Safe Mix Concrete Ltd.	7.5	7	0.67	107,000
Thatta-Cement Company Ltd. CHEMICAL	938	9	0	70,000
Agritech Limited	2.6	2.48	-0.01	580,000
Archroma Pakistan Limited.	485.99	465	10.5	450
Bifo Industries Ltd.	164.1	160.6	-7.93	2,800
Buxly Paints Ltd.	46	-46	1.82	4,500
Colgate Palmolive (Pak) Ltd.	2080	2050	-29.99	3,660
Descon Oxychem Ltd.	16.19	15.5	0.22	
DYNEA Pak	69.99	69.99	2.98	500
Engro Polymer & Chemicals Ltd.00		26	0.48	877,500
Ghani Gases Limited.	7,48	7.25	0.2	70,500
ICI Pakistan Limited.	519	507	-494	1,250
Ittehad Chemical Ltd.	27.8	27	-0.02	14,000
Lotte Chemical Pakistan Ltd.	15:49	15.11	-0.07	1,501,000
Nimir Resins Limited.	5.52	5.2	0.16	
Pakistan Gum & Chemicals Ltd.	153.15	153.15	7.29	3,000
Pakistan Oxygen Limited.	150	140.1	2.75	700
Sitara Chemicals.	307	307	7	2,500
Sitara Peroxide Limited	19.48	18.3	-0.43	46,000
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Atlas Insurance Limited.	48	48	0.99	2,00
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E. F. U. Gen Insurance Ltd.	100.36	99.6	0.04	10.10
EFU Life Assurance Ltd.	223.78	215	10.17	6,70
KGI Holdings Limited.	161	152.1	-7.99	4.40
KGI Life Insurance Ltd.	34.13	33	1.49	19,00
Jubliee Life Insurance Co-Ltd.	255	235	-8.34	2,00
Pakistan General Insurance Co.	3.97	3.03	-0.01	11,00
Pakistan Reinsurance Comp.(XID)	24.49	24.49	-0.2	50
PIOC Insurance Ltd.	1.19	1.02	0.06	59,50
Shaheen Insurance Co Ltd.	3.9	3.65	-0.2	6,00
TPL Insurance Ltd.	19.98	18.98	1	295,00
United Insurance Company (KB) INV, BANKS / INV, COS. / SEC	9.22	921	0.22	1,00
786 Investments Limited	28.47	27.91	-0.09	46.00
Arif Habib Limited.	33.45	32.16	-0.19	1.50
BIPL Securities Ltd.	85	8.49	-1	8,00
Cyan Limited.	20.21	20	-0.93	7.50
Dawood Hercules Corporation Ltd.	112	110	-1.38	1,80
Escorts Investment Bank Ltd.	12.51	11.9	-0.39	41,00
Escorts Investment Bank Ltd.(FI)	1.6	1.15	-0.03	564,50
First Capital Sec.Corp. Ltd.	0.75	0.75	0.05	21,50
First Dawood Investment Bank Ltd.	1.52	1.5	-0.01	27,00
First National Equities Limited.	5	3.95	0.75	61,00
Invest Capital Investment Bank Ltd.	0.75	0.68	0.03	6,00
Jahangir Siddiqui & Company Ltd.	11.39	10.5	-0.67	380,00
JS Investments Limited.	14.45	14.45	1	22,00
Pakistan Stock Exchange Limited.	13.19	12.9	0.02	29,00
Pervez Ahmed Securities Ltd.	0.53	0.5	-0.01	81,00
Trust Investment Bank Ltd. LEASING COMPANIES	1.2	1.2	-0.02	3,00
Grays Leasing Ltd.	2.55	2.55	-0.2	50
Orays Leasing Ltd. Orax Leasing Pakistan Ltd.	24.99	245	0.63	40.50
SWE Leasing Ltd.	2	1.5	-0.5	58.00
LEATHER & TANNERIES	-	1.5		_0000
Bata Pakistan Ltd.	1400	1357	-29.55	49
Service Industries.(XID)	494	474.99	5.13	1,30
MISCELLANEOUS				
AKD Capital Limited.	78.21	76.01	0	10
Gammon Pak.	8.2	8.2	0.2	5,50
Pace (Pakistan) Ltd.	1.5	1.42	0.05	10,00
Shifa Int. Hospital Ltd.	228.98	220	8.13	5,00
Siddigsors Tin Plate Ltd.	10.09	9.5	-0.27	152,50
Synthetic Products Enterprises Ltd.	22.43	20.7	0.06	4,50
TPL Properties Limited.	8.24	6.5	0.71	591,00
Tri-Pack Films Ltd.	66.38	643	0	70
United Brands Limited. MODARABAS	14.3	14.3	0	500
MUUNNADAS				

NAME	OPEN	HIGH	CLOSE	VOL	NAME	OPEN
First Equity Mod.	2.17	2	0.02	6,000	Shahmurad Sugar Mills Ltd.	74
First Prudential Mod.	0.87	0.85	-0.03	6,500	Shakarganj Limited.	47
First Punjab Mod.	2	1.9	0	13,000	SYNTHETIC & RAYON	
Habib Metro Modaraba.	10	10	1	1,500	Tri-Star Polyester Ltd.	9.45
Modarba Al-Mali. Orient rental Modaraba.	424 106	4.2 10.6	0.39	1,000	TECHNOLOGY & COMMUN	50.55
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OIL & GAS EXPLORATION C			-0.5	5,500	Media Times Limited.	0.94
Mari Petroleum Company Ltd.	1020	975	-21.49	45,440	NetSol Technologies Ltd.	70.85
Olf & Gas Development Company		131.35		2.023.000	Pakistan Telecommunication Co.	8.19
Pakistan Olifields Limited.	417.49	408	-0.43	307,400	Systems Limited.	93.15
Pakistan Petroleum Limited.	152.5	145	-3.69	1,026,800	Telecard Ltd.	1.05
OIL & GAS MARKETING CO	MPANIE:				TPL CORP Limited.	4.88
Attock Petroleum Limited.	287	280	1.46	47,500	TRG Pakistan Ltd.	16.4
Hascol Petroleum Ltd.	70,44	67.9	-0.93	138,300	Worldcall Telecom Ltd.	0.74
Hi-Tech Lubricants Limited.	28	27.65	0.13	25,000	TEXTILE COMPOSITE	
Pakistan State Oil Co Ltd.(ND)	170.95	165.1		1,082,600	Azgard Nine Limited	9.8
Shell Pakistan Ltd.	188.4	175	-2.38	41,600	Crescent Textile Mills Ltd.	23.9
Sui Northern Gas Pipe Line Ltd. Sui Southern Gas Co Ltd.	71.5 20.17	69.5 19.8		2,001,500 1,845,000	Feroze 1888 Mills Ltd. Ghazi Fabrics International Ltd.	97.74
PAPER & BOARD	20.17	198	0.28	1,845,000	Gul Ahmed Textile Mills Ltd.	40.00
Baluchistan Particle Board Ltd	2.3	2.3	-0.1	500	Interloop Limited (XXX)	43
Century Paper & Board Mills.	30.07	30	-0.07	6,500	Jubilee Spinning & Weaving Mil	2.7
Chest Packaging Limited.	80	80	0	1,000	Kohinoor Industries Ltd.	2.79
Merit Packaging Ltd.	29.9	29.9	1.07	50,500	Kohinoor Mills Ltd.	22
Packages Ltd.	299.23	283	1.54	41,800	Kohinoor Testile Mills Ltd.	25.75
Roshan Packages Limited.	13.1	12.85	0.1	4,500	Mian Textile Industries Ltd.	3
Security Papers Ltd.	91.5	90	1.5	1,500	Nishat (Chunia) Ltd.(XD)	35
PHARMACEUTICALS					Nishat Mills Ltd.	97.5
Abbot Laboratories Pak Ltd.	460	434.5	16.07	17,300	Redco Textile Ltd.	2.48
AGP Limited.	67.9	65.95	-1,44	79,500	Reliance Weaving Mills Ltd.	24,49
Ferozsons Laboratories Ltd.	114	107.5	-3.96	30,500	Sapphire Fibres Mills Ltd.	782.25
Glavo Smithkline Healthcare Pak Glavo Smithkline Pakistan Ltd.	203.5 95.5	192.5	-1.32 -0.61	2,200 3,600	SFL Limited. Surai Cotton Mills Ltd.	124.75
Highnoon Laboratories Ltd.	244	240	1.27	500	TEXTILE SPINNING	12475
IBL HealthCare Limited.	34	32.95	-1.71	31,500	Amtex Limited.	0.66
Macter International Limited.	61.97	60.95	-1.04	100	Asim Textile Milk Ltd	7.6
The Searle Company Ltd.	149	141.53	-26	688,300	Blul Fibres Ltd.	1.2
POWER GENERATION & DIS	STRIBUT				Chakwal Spinning Mills Limited.	1.59
Engro Powergen Qadirpur Ltd.	20.2	1981	-0.1	11,000	D. M. Textile Mills Ltd.	-41
Hub Power Company Limited.	81.6	78.11	-1.46	1,564,500	D. S. Industries Ltd.	1.5
K-Electric Limited.	4.33	4.05		14,990,500	Dewon Farooque Spinning Mills	1.5
Kot Addu Power Company:(XD)	36.49	34.41	-0.14	1,192,000	Gadoon Textile Mills Ltd.	145.89
LALPIR Power Limited.	13	12.5	-0.03	48,500	Hira Textile Mills Ltd.	- 4
Nishat Chunian Power Ltd.(XD)	17,44	16		4,394,000	Kohinoor Spinning Mills Ltd.	1.18
Nishat Power Limited.	27.99	27.02		1,069,000	Ruby Textile Mills Ltd.	3.7
Pakgen Power Limited.	14.45	13.9	-0.27	238,500	Salf Textile Mills Ltd.	10.05
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REFINERY	236	2,49	0.24	7,000	Shahtaj Textile Ltd.	95.5
Attock Refinery Limited.	77.2	74	2.27	448,600	Yousuf Weaving Mills Limited.	1.99
BYCO Petroleum Pak Ltd.	6.65	6.45	-0.01	279,500	Zephyr Textile Limited.	5.49
National Refinary Ltd.	111.8	106.2	2.72	485,200	TOBACCO	3045
Pakistan Refineny Ltd.	16.25	15.8	0.08	237,000	Khyber Tobacco Co. Ltd.	185
SUGAR & ALLIED INDUSTR				220,000	Pakistan Tobacco Co Ltd.DID)	2500
Abdullah Shaha Ghazi Suger Mills		2.4	0.2	5,000	Philip Monts (Pakistan) Ltd.	3768.33
Adam Sugar Mills Limited.	19.18	19.18	-1	1,000	TRANSPORT	
Al-Abbas Sugar Mills Ltd.(XD)	190	186	0.47	400	Pak International Airline Corp Ltd	4.61
Ansari Sugar Mills Ltd.	4.6	4.6	-0.15	1,000	Pakistan Int.Container Terminal.	150.99
Chashma Sugar Mills Ltd	38	38	0	21,500	Pakistan Intl. Bulk Terminal Ltd.	8.48
Dewan Sugar Mills Ltd.	2.31	2.31	0.01	1,000	Pakistan National Shipping Co.	61.98
Habib Sugar Mills Ltd.	29:99	28.55	0	5,500	VANASPATI & ALLIED INDU	
Haseeb Waqas Sugar Mills Limit	2.79	251	-0.01	28,500	S.S. Oll Mills Ltd.	25.51
Husein Sugar Mills Limited.	14.1	13.3	-0.07	2,000	Unity Foods Limited.	10.47
Jauharabad Sugar Mills Ltd.(X8)	12.06	11.95	-0.89	14,000	REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT	IRUST

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Shahmurad Sugar Mills Ltd. Shakarganj Limited.	74 47	71.7 44.9	-0.59	2,400
SYNTHETIC & RAYON		443	-0.55	11,000
Tri-Star Polyester Ltd.	9.45	8.49	0.25	45,000
TECHNOLOGY & COMMUN				422.00
Avanceon Limited. Hum Network Limited.	50.55 3.28	47.2 3.1	-0.7 0.05	427,000
Media Times Limited.	0.94	0.8	0.01	92,000
NetSol Technologies Ltd.	70.85	66.03	-3.41	812,10
Pakistan Telecommunication Co.	8.19	7.95	0.04	57,50
Systems Limited. Telecard Ltd.	93.15	91,49	1.13	19,000
TPL CORP Limited.	1.05	0.97 4.18	0.04	1,066,000
TRG Pakistan Ltd.	16.4	15.52	-0.02	4,624,50
Worldcall Telecom Ltd.	0.74	0.69	0	457,500
TEXTILE COMPOSITE				
Azgard Nine Limited Crescent Textile Mills Ltd.	9.8 23.9	9.5 21.7	-0.16 0.08	99,000
Feroze1888 Mills Ltd.	97.74	95.01	0.29	26,00
Ghazi Fabrics International Ltd.	2.6	2.6	0.1	50
Gul Ahmed Textile Mills Ltd.	49.99	45.94	-0.49	254,50
Interloop Limited (XXX)	-43	-41	-0.02	251,50
Jubilee Spinning & Weaving Mil.	2.7	2.4	0.26	2,50
Kohinoor Industries Ltd. Kohinoor Mills Ltd.	2.79	27	-1.14	2,000
Kohinoor Textile Mills Ltd.	25.75	25	-0.17	605,000
Mian Textile Industries Ltd.	3	2.34	0.4	2.00
Nishat (Chunia) Ltd.(XD)	35	33.2	-0.05	906,50
Nishat Mills Ltd.	97.5	91.69	-3.9	1,501,50
Redco Textile Ltd. Relance Weaving Mills Ltd.	2,48	2.22	0.05	13,000
Sapphire Fibres Mills Ltd.	782.25	782	37	10
SFL Limited.	160	160	0	20
Suraj Cotton Mills Ltd.	124.75	118.98	0.0026	10
TEXTILE SPINNING				
Amtex Limited. Asim Textile Mills Ltd	0.66	0.55	-0.01	1,50
Blal Fibres Ltd.	7.6 1.2	7.6 1.05	0.6	27,000
Chakwal Spinning Mills Limited.	1.59	1.5	0.2	6,50
D. M. Textile Mills Ltd.	-41	-41	-1.25	30,50
D. S. Industries Ltd.	1.5	1.38	0.09	32,000
Dewan Farooque Spinning Mills	1.5	1.3	0.11	5,500
Gadoon Textile Mills Ltd. Hira Textile Mills Ltd.	145.89	139.99	-0.01	3,000
Kohinoor Spinning Mills Ltd.	1.18	1.11	0.07	52.50
Ruby Textile Mills Ltd.	3.7	3.66	-0.33	1,000
Salf Textile Mills Ltd.	10.05	9.55	0.03	2,000
Sunrays Textile-Mills Ltd.	219.09	198.23	7.06	1,80
TEXTILE WEAVING Shahtaj Textile Ltd.	95.5	86.49	1,21	2.50
Yousuf Weaving Mills Limited.	1.99	1.8	-0.05	43,000
Zephyr Textile Limited.	5.49	5.25	0.24	1,000
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Pak International Airline Corp Ltd	4.61	4.27	-0.16	825,500
Pakistan Int.Container Terminal.	150.99	149	1.99	30
Pakistan Intl. Bulk Terminal Ltd.	8.48	8		4,042,000
Pakistan National Shipping Co.	61.98	58.22	1.37	18,000
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Three Pak iuniors crash out of Asian Individual Squash

ISLAMABAD (Staff Reporter): It was a highly disappoint-ing day for Pakistani junior players in the 26th Asian Junior Individual Squash

Junior Individual Squash
Championship 2019, as
three main players crashed
out at the second hurdle in
Macau on Thursday.
Pakistan Squash Federation (PSF) has sent eight
players for playing in U-13,
U-15, U-17 and U-19 age
group along with a coach
and the manager for the
championship. In the Under-13 second round match,
unseeded Mak Tsun Hei of
Hong Kong defeated Abdul-

unseeded Mak Tsun Hei of Hong Kong defeated Abdul-lah Nawaz of Pakistan 3-2, winning 9-11, 11-1, 9-11, 11-6 and 12-10. In Under-15, Mohammad Hamza Khan of Pakistan beat Jaivir Singh of India 3-0, winning 11-7, 11-3 and 11-1. In Under-17, Neel Joshi of India defeated M Farhan Hashmi of Pakistan 3-0, winning 14-12, 11-9 3-0, winning 14-12, 11-9 and 11-7. Navaneeth Prabhus of India beat Noor Zahus of India beat Noor Za-man of Pakistan 3-2, as the score was 11-13, 11-4, 9-11, 11-9 and 11-9. In Under-19, Haris Qasim of Pakistan beat Ho Ka On of Hong Kong 3-1, with scores of 11-3, 11-3, 9-11 and 11-8. Hamza Sharif of Pakistan beat Lam Shing Fung of Hong Kong 3-2, winning 11-3, 9-11, 11-5, 9-11 and 11-5.

5, 9-11 and 11-5. In U-15 quarterfinals, Mo-hammad Hamza Khan will play against Shameil Haeyzad of Malaysia, in U-19 category, Haris Qasim will play against Aaron Jon Widhaha of Sin-gapore while Hamza Sharif will play against Darryl Gan of Malaysia.

Haider, Abbas excel in Pakistan U19 victoru

LAHORE (Staff Reporter): Opener Haider Ali's 116 and Abbas Afridi four for 40, helped Pakistan U19 to win the third 50-over match against South Africa U19 by six wickers and take a 3-01 lead in wickets and take a 3-0 lead in the seven-match series at the Pietermaritzburg Oval in Piet-

Pietermaritzburg Oval in Pietermaritzburg on Thursday.
Chasing a 277-run target,
Pakistan U19 achieved victory inside 43 overs with six
wickets remaining, Haider Ali
ht 16 fours and two sixes in
his 111-ball 116 runs knock.
Haider added 51 runs for the
first wicket with Saim Ayub
(21), while added 102 runs
with Fahad Munir (50) for
the third wicket. Rohail Nazir
(33) provided additional sair (33) provided additional sup-port. For the hosts, Tiaan van Vuuren took two for 49.

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Earlier, after electing to bat first, South Africa U19 were dismissed for 276 in 49.3 overs. Raun Terblanche top-scored with 110 that came off 134 balls and included twelve fours, while Luke Reaufort fours, while Luke Beaufort scored 50 off 73 balls and hit eight boundaries. Abbas was the pick of Pakistan U19 with figures of four for 40, while Shiraz Khan took

for 40, while Shiraz Khan took three wickets for 66 runs. Earlier, Pakistan U19 had won the first and second 50-0ver match by 17 runs and four wickets, respectively. The fourth match of the series will be played on Sunday at the same venue. Third 50-over match, Pietermaritzburg, Pak-istan U19 won by stx wickstan six wickets SCORES IN BRIEF:

SOUTH AFRICA U19: 276 all out in 49.3 overs (Raun Ter iche 110, Luke Bear 50; Abbas Afridi 4-40, Shira:

50; Abbas Afridi 4-40, Shiraz Khan 3-66) PAKISTAN U19: 280-4 in 42.1 overs (Haider Ali 116, Fahad Munir 50; Tiaan van Vuuren 2-49)

Quick Read Qadir warns Pakistan of complacency in remaining two matches

Former Test cricketer Abdul Qadir has praised Shaheen Shah, Babar Azam and Haris Sohail for their outstanding performances to help Pakistan beat New Zealand in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2019 at Birmingham.

Talking to The Nation, Qadir, who was also PCB chief selector, said: "Fortune always favours the brave. Same happened against the Kwisk, as it was sheer Former Test cricketer Abdul Oa-

against the Kiwis, as it was sheer good luck for Sarfraz Ahmed that he lost the toss, or else he would be in a fix again, whether to bowl or bat in overcast conditions, as Willamson won the toss and opted to bat first. "It was Sarfraz" day, as Muhammad Aamir managed to take wicket on a delivery, which could be hit for a boundary, had Guptil not played it onto his stumps. ood luck for Sarfraz Ahmed that

The way Shaheen Shah Afridi utilised the conditions, his de-liveries were almost unplayable and he completely outclassed the Kiwis top order, with his sensational bowling display," he added.

added.

The former cricketer also gave credit to Sarfraz Ahmed for his outstanding wicketkeeping against New Zealand. The way Sarfraz took three outstanding catches, it was enough to prove his fitness and a slap on the faces of critics, who don't know the of critics, who don't know the ABC of cricket and just have an aim to pile pressure on Pakistan cricket team.

cricket team.

"The captain proved his fitness. In cricket, physical fitness has been proved through your ability, how you bat and bowl and how to field. Sarfraz was at the top of his game, but another big question arises here that when New Zealand had lost



Pakistan team was badly struggling in the tournament, but two matches changed the entire

atmosphere

5 wickets with only 83 runs on the board, why Neesham and Grandhomme were given so much liberty to add 132 runs for the sixth-wicket stand. Both the Kiwi batsmen almost took the match away from Pakistan and helped New Zealand post 237 runs, which was not a bad total at all," he added. Qadir said Willamson did poor captaincy, as New Zealand

poor captaincy, as New Zealand had managed to grab the wick-ets of both Pakistani openers with only 44 runs on the board. In the second innings, bowling-friendly wicket was turned into batting paradise as fast bowlers were not getting any assistance from the wicket. "Credit must be given to both Babar Azam and Haris Sohail for extraordi-nary batting, but New Zealand's otherwise outstanding fielding is to be blamed for as they gave simple chances to Haris. In the second innings, bowling

"If Haris was out-stumped, Pakistan could have lost the match. Willamson badly missed the trick and kept on using fast bowlers. He should have used his main weapon Santner, who could be highly lethal in those conditions and could have provided key wickets, but Williamson had other things in mind, he added.

Oddie said luck factor aboves Qadir said luck factor always

play crucial role in such mega events. "Pakistan team was badly struggling in the tournament, but two matches changed the entire atmosphere and same Pakistan team, which was looking down and out, all of a sudden started producing extraordinary results. Now the big task of winning two important matches against South Africa and New Zealand has been achieved with flying colours. But both were done go-ing harder way. Pakistan should two matches changed the entire

least 8 to 10 overs earlier, but the batsmen consumed too many precious deliveries before many precious deliveries before chasing the target. Now they have to be aware of complacency and ensure their feet remain on the ground.

"The way, Pakistan fielders dropped seven catches and still they won, is remarkable and it clearly shows that prayers of

clearly shows that prayers of millions of Pakistani people are doing wonders for the green caps. But Bangladesh will not give Pakistan same liberty, if they repeat same mistakes and give chances to them as if green caps provide Bangalis any lib-erty, they have to suffer badly. The team played well and they must continue with same men-tality against remaining two opponents, Afghanistan and Bangladesh, and leave the rest," Qadir concluded. give Pakistan same liberty, if



English women players train under the watchful eyes of coach Phil Neville ahead of their

Coach Neville relaxed ahead of England-Norway quarterfinal

Facing his biggest match as a first team manager, England's Phil Nev-ille seemed remarkably relaxed with a day to go. Unlike the former Manchester United and England player's wife, Julie.

"She worries like mad, prays, lights "She worries like mad, prays, lights candles," he said. "She is struggling with the games." Neville isn't focused on the prospect of falling short Thursday night against Norway, a team ranked nine places lower than No. 3 England, which has had three clean sheets in its four games in the Women's World Cup.

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"I lost my job at (Manchester) United, I lost my job at Valencia, it happens," he said. "Football is like that. I don't go into a game thinking that. I don't go into a game thinking about losing. I go into a game thinking I am going to have fun, thinking I am here and I am going to do the best that I can, and whatever happens, as long as we do our best, that's the way my mentality is."

A semifinal is the least expected of this team, which reached that stage

A semifinal is the least expected of this team, which reached that stage at the last World Cup and 2017 European Championship under Mark Sampson. But Neville's preparations for the Norway game have been disrupted by a blow that could deny him England's first-choice central defensive partnership. Captain Steph Houghton and Millie Bright are "major doubts," Neville said Wednesday. Houghton's injury was known, an ankle problem sustained in a tackle during a fiery and rough 3-0 round of 16 victory over Cameroon. But

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she was seen in training Wednesday. Bright's problem was unknown until Neville revealed it in the northwest France port city of Le Havre. "Millie has a virus that's going through the camp," Neville said. "You will pick up bugs along the way," Neville said. "It happens in life. It's a virus. She, more than likely, will be fit but at this moment she's a doubt.

ment she's a doubt."

In reserve are Leah Williamson and Abbie McManus. "I would put my life on Abbie and Leah going in there and doing well, if we call upon them," Neville said. "You guys have had an obsession with my rotation for 18 months. It's for moments like this that we can just say, "No problem." We will bring people in who know the system and the style and it's a seamless transition. You've planned for these moments. I said six months for these moments. I said six months

for these moments. I said six months ago we don't want to get to the quarterfinals of the World Cup and throw someone in that we haven't tested or tried and doesn't know our system.'

In its five World Cup appearances, England has at least reached the last eight. Norway made it to the semifinals in four of its first five appearances — including winning it all in

1995 — but never got further than the round of 16 in the next two tournaments. "They've been the surprise team of the tournament because they weren't in the top 10 teams," Neville said. "They have a spirit, togetherness and tactical system that is hard to play against. They look to have a cause."

The first female Ballon d'Or winners the start were the tour were the tourners the second of the contract of the second of

The first female Ballon d'Or win-ner stepped away from the team over what she has characterized as the Norwegian federation's lack of re-spect for the women's team. "Maybe Ada Hegerberg not coming has given them a cause, to prove they can win without her," Neville said. "That's always a good thing to

without her," Neville said.

"That's always a good thing to have, that siege mentality, and they look like they are having fun and smiling." Norway's only defeat so far in France was to the hosts in the far in France was to the hosts in the group stage, but it relied on penal-ties to oust Australia in the round of 16. Four years ago in Canada, Eng-land blocked Norway from making it to the quarterfinals. There will be a bit of revenge if we were to win," Norway goalkeeper Ingrid Hjelms-eth said. "It was a tough match last time. The English have developed since then so it's going to be a very since then so it's going to be a very interesting football match."

interesting football match."
The Norway coach is different, too, with Martin Sjögre at the helm despite losing all three games in the Euro 2017 group stage. "Since Martin and the rest of the team has come in we've had a good philosophy," Hjelmseth said. "We've developed a lot and we're really believing. If you believe what you're doing you develop even more. We have shown the world we can roll the ball in Norway as well." can roll the ball in Norway as well.

Ahmed continues winning spree in All-Pakistan Tennis

Ahmed Chaudhry's dream continues unabated in the 3rd SNGPL All-Pakistan Tennis Championship 2019 as he defeated veteran Davis Cupper Shahzad Khan in straight sets to reach the final here at Senator Dllawar

straight sets to reach the final here at Senator Dllawar Abbas PTF Complex on Thursday.

In a one-sided affair, Ahmed took full advantage of Aqeel Khan's absence, who is helping Pakistan's international star Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi in preparing for international tournaments and ATP events, and overwhelmed fifth seed Shahzad 6-4, 6-3. Is powerful serves and passing shots down the line, despite gaining weight and having fitness issues, posed massive challenge for Ahmed, who had once won the national ranking title by beating Aqeel Khan in 2017. The first set started with Ahmed settling down well and putting Shahzad under enormous pressure, but Shahzad ting Shahzad under enormous pressure, but Shahzad had answers for all the questions thrown at him by the youngster. But when it was 4-4, Ahmed started playing aggressive game and won it 6-4. Ahmed played the second set in a better way and overcame the experienced campaigner 6-3.

the experienced campaigner 6-3.
Davis Cupper Abid Ali Akbar also booked his place in the final after eliminating second seed Muzammil Murtaza 6-3, 6-2 in the second seemlifinal. Abid Ali was in fine touch and stunned the second seed Muzamil with his powerful game and better planning, thus set final clash against Ahmed Ch. In ladies event, Sarah Mahboob, Sara Mansoor, Mehak Khokar and Noor Malik (ZTBL) moved into the semifinals by eliminating their respective opponents in straight sets. Unseeded Mehak stunned third seed Esha Jawad and now will face top seed Sara Mansoor in the semifinal. The secface top seed Sara Mansoor in the semifinal. The sec ond semifinal will contested between second seed

ond semifinal will contested between second seed Sarah Mehboob and fourth seed Noor Malik of ZTBL. In 16&Under category, Nalain Abbas, Faizan Paiz, Sami Zaib and Hamid Israr qualified for the semifinals by winning their respective matches. Top seed Nalain Abbas struggled hard to win his encounter against Uzair Khan in a thrilling and best encounter of the day. Unseeded Sami Zaib registered another upset by eliminating Hassan Ali without conceding a single game and will face Hamid Israr in the semifinal. In girls 18&U singles semifinals, Zahra Salman beat Azeena Aleem 6-2, 6-3; Sheeza Sajid Beat Mahrukh

Azeena Aleem 6-2, 6-3; Sheeza Sajid Beat Mahrukh Farooqi, 6-0, 6-0; in boys 18&U singles semifinals

Farrooqi, 6-0, 6-0; in boys 18&U singles semifinals, Ahmed Kamil beat Aqib Hayat 6-2, 6-3; Sami Zaib (SNGPL) beat Subhan Bin Salik 7-6 (5), 7-5.

In boys 14&U singles semifinals, Hamid Israr (SNG-PL) beat Huzama A Rehman 4-1, 5-3; Kashan Omer beat Uzair Khan 5-3, 2-4, 5-3. In boys and girls 12&u singles quarterfinals, Hamza Roman (SNGPL) beat Ali Zain 4-0, 4-0; Shahsawar beat Moaez Gul 4-0, 4-1; Hammad Masood beat Subhan Sehar 2-4, 4-1, 4-2; Asad Beat Amir Mizari 4-1, 5-4 (4). In boys and girls 10&U singles semifinals, Hamza Roman (SNGPL) beat Amir Mizari 4-0, 4-0; Hania Minhas Beat Nabeel 4-0, 4-0.

In boys 14&U doubles semifinals, Bilal Asim/Ahmed Nael beat Hamza Jawad/Asad 6-2, 6-4 while Uzair

Nael beat Hamza Jawad/Asad 6-2, 6-4 while Uzair Nael beat Hamza Jawad/Asad 6-2, 6-4 while Uzair Khan/Kashan Omer got w/o against Hamza Roman/Huzaima Abdul Rehman. In boys 16&U doubles semifinals, Nalain Abbas/Farman Shakeel beat Kamran Khan/Hasham Khan 6-4, 6-2 while Hamid Israr/Sami Zaib (SNGPL) beat Faizan Fiaz/Hassan Ali 6-2, 6-2. In boys 18&U doubles semifinals, Ahmed Kamil/Subhan bin Salik beat Muhammad Asim/Muhammad Adıb 6-0, 6-0 while Muhammad Abdulla/Aqib Hayat beat M Huzaifa/M Talha Khan 6-4, 7-6 (5).

In ladies event, Sarah Mahboob, Sara Mansoor, Mehak Khokar and ZTBL's Noor Malik breeze into the semifinals by eliminating their respective opponents in straight



MS Dhoni plays an impressive unbeaten knock of 58 runs against West Indies

Babar terms his knock 'best' against Kiwis

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ground.

Babar continued his eye-catching form with an unbeat-en 101 against unbeatable New

Zealanders and kept alive Pakistan's hope for a semifinal qualification. It was his 10th

for a semifinal qualification. It was his 10th career ODI century, and Pakistan's first World Cup 100 scored by a non-opening batsman since 1997.

And it was as cultured an innings as you could wish for, a series of aesthetically pleasing strokes puncturing the New Zealand field. Brilliant, brutal and, for Pakistan, incredibly timely. No wonder he called it his best yet, as he fended off the threat of Trent Boult and Lockie Ferguson's pace and Mitchell Santner's spin in sure-footed style. "This is my best innings," said Babar. nings," said Babar.

nings," said Babar.

"The wicket was very difficult and turned a lot in the second half. The plan was to go through to the end and give my 100 per cent. When we started, the plan was to see out Ferguson but when Santer came on, the plan became not to give wickets to him and cover up later when the fast bowlers come on. We are confident we are taking match by match, and honefully we will qualify. We are very fohopefully we will qualify. We are very fo-cussed on this," he added.

Sachin Tendulkar famously scored 523 runs for India at the 1996 World Cup aged Sachin Tendulkar Tamousiy scored 523 runs for India at the 1996 World Cup aged just 22.1t's a record 24-year-old Babar, currently on 333 at this tournament, may well be eyeing, with two more group matches to come against Afghanistan and Bangladesh. He is fifth on the list of all-time under-25 run scorers, level with Brian Lara's contribution in 1992, and within touching distance of Ricky Ponting's 354 in 1999 and AB de Villiers 372 in 2007.

Haris Sohail provided the back-up as Pakistan ended New Zealand's unbeaten run with a six-wicket victory but Babar will rightly steal the headlines. He was stuck on 99 when he slashed the ball through deep cover, sending the Pakistan crowd to new heights of crazy and embracing Haris, with whom he shared an ultimately decisive 126-run fourth wicket stand.

Lost, won, washout, lost, lost, lost, lost, won,

Lost, won, washout, lost, lost, lost, won, they played New Zealand in their seventh game 27 years ago too and won that. And history duly repeated itself in Birmingham

West Indies eliminated as India continue unbeaten campaign

AGENCIES MANCHESTER

West Indies have been eliminated from the Men's Cricket World Cup 2019, after losing out to India by 125 runs at Old Trafford. On a beautifully clear, hot day at Old Trafford, Virat Kohli looked to

have hit the jackpot when he won

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INDIA:	
K Rahul b Holder	40
R Sharma c Hope b Roach	. 18
V Kohli c sub b Holder	7
V Shankar c Hope b Roach	.1
K Jadhav c Hope b Roach	_
MS Dhoni not out	.54
H Pandya c Allen b Cottrell	46
M Shami c Hope b Cottrell	(
Kuldeep Yadav not out	(
EXTRAS: (b 1, w 6)	
TOTAL: (7 wkts, 50 overs)	261
FOW: 1-29, 2-98, 3-126, 4-140, 5-180,	
6-250.7-252.	
BOWLING: SS Cottrell 10-0-50-2, KAJ	

a hard, flat track, but a cracking cision, before Sheldon Cottrell bowling pSr@ialan@cision_Rakistatp_R395-w62382@d with combat-Windles scamers restricted Index to 268/7. Kohli himself was the star of the show for his side with the willow, playing a fleent 72 before planting a tame pull into the hands of short mid-wicket. The subsequent overs saw Kemar Roach (3/36) and Jason Holder (2/33) squeeze with expert pre-fore of ideliveries. Windles floor for 61 deliveries. ze with expert pre

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from 61 deliveries. Windies flo from 61 deliveries. Windies floundered in their pursuit of 269, and early scalps from the rampant Indian seamers left Holder's team with a steep uphill climb. Mohammad Shami followed up his magnificent hat-trick against Afghanistan with another vital

around for 50 balls before falling to Kuldeep Yadav for 28, Jasprit Bum rah took two wickets in as many balls to see the end of Carlos Brath waite and Fabian Allen, and tail was cleaned up with relative ease as In dia secured the win by 125 runs.

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Today's fixture



South Africa Sri Lanka

MATCH STARTS AT 2:30 PM

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Aiden Markram	Avishka Fernan
Quinton de Kock (wk)	Suranga Lakmo
Hashim Amla	Lasith Malinga
Rassie van der Dussen	Angelo Mathey
David Miller	Jeevan Mendis
Chris Morris	Kusal Mendis (v
Andile Phehlukwayo	Kusal Perera (w
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Kagisa Rabada	Milinda Sirlwar
Lungi Ngidi	Lahiru Thiriman
Imran Tahir	Isuru Udana
Tabraiz Shamsi	Jeffrey Vanders

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Shaheen, Babar had a super day against New Zealand

BY WAOAR YOUNIS

Shaheen Shah Afridi is only 19 so he will have

Shaheen Shah Afridi is only 19 so he will have bad days and super days, against New Zealand it was definitely the latter.

Babar Azam was Player of the Match, and deservedly so for what was an exceptional innings, but Shaheen bowled brilliantly. He got his lines right, he was disciplined, he swung the ball and he picked up wickets. That was what set the game up for Pakistran and was great to see. He is still learning the art so have will wake mistakes and Pakistran have great to see. He is still learning the art so he will make mistakes and Pakistan have to be prepared for that. So far he's only re-ally played T20 and a few Tests and in the game against Australia I thought he looked a little lost. He wasn't sure what line or length to bowl. Then against South Africa he got a wicket and seemed to gain some confidence. The more he plays, the better he will be be-cause of his age, so I'm hopeful that he will deliver in the coming earnes. deliver in the coming games. The only reason Shaheen didn't get player of

the match against New Zealand was because

nings in difficult conditions, but even more

nings in difficult conditions, but even more so because it came when Palsistan really needed it. I also need to give credit to Haris Sohail, who has come into the team and scored consecutive fifties to get Palsistan back into the tournament. They seemed to start this ICC Men's Cricket World Cup unsure of what their best combinations were. Shadab Khan coming back into the team seems to have helped them strike a balance and then Haris' form has pushed them over the ton. The momentum seems to them over the top. The momentum seems to have shifted with these two wins, as well as

have shifted with these two wins, as well as England losing to Australia. That result gave Pakistan some hope. They knew that if they beat New Zealand they could increase the pressure on England and give themselves a real chance of making the semi-finals. The danger is now that complacency starts to creep in. After beating South Africa and then unbeaten New Zealand, it would be easy to get carried away. They cannot allow that to happen, they need to focus on the next game against Afghanistan and make sure they win. against Afghanistan and make sure they win

If Pakistan beat Afghanistan and Bangladesh.

They also cannot worry about other results. If Pakistan beat Afghanistan and Bangladesh, they will have done their job, hopefully it will be enough to reach the semi-finals.

It is becoming impossible to ignore the parallels with 1992. The similarities are freaky and even though the players won't have been thinking about it, there is no way they can put it out of their minds altogether. It's moving in the direction that they might qualify and if it does, that would be something very special if they could win the World Cup. But of course, the players can't focus on that at all.

That 1992 World Cup was an emotional time for me, being part of the team initially and then breaking my back just before the tournament and having to leave the team og o back home. It was over the moon though and I still remember every second when the team came back from Australia, it was wonderful. I'm hoping and praying that something similar happens again.

—Courtesy ICC



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5 more polio cases detected in KP

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Due to consistent refusal of parents to vaccinate their children, five more children were tested posi-tive for polio virus in Khyber Pak-

tive for polio virus in Khyber Pak-htunkhwa on Thursday, taking up the total count of such cases in the prevince to 26 during 2019.

Provincial government is consis-tently aiming to aware the commu-nity of polio virus and risk it poses to the children in the form of paralyses and often death in extreme cases. But unfortunately, there are some parents/caregivers who have doubts. parents/caregivers who have doubts about vaccine safety and they refuse to get their children administered vaccine propagation of virus

polio vaccine propagation of virus and more polio cases. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa EOC Coor-dinator Kamran Afridi said: "Polio virus will keep on inflicting children unless families and parents under-stand the fact that they are putting their children at risk of being para-lyzed'. He said, "Virus targets unim-munised children and all the five po-lio cases: confirmed today were not lio cases confirmed today were not vaccinated even once during routine

vaccinated even once during routine immunization campaign.

He appealed to parents/caregivers, elders, religious leaders, influential and society to realise the fact that polio was paralysing the children and their future. "We need to play our part to save our children from paralysis and ensure administering antipolio vaccine during every campaign.

According to a notification of Na.

According to a notification of Na-tional Institute of Health (NIH) Islamabad issued yesterday, "Five new polio cases have been confirmed from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa out of which two each are from Bannu and Torgher while one case has been re-ported from North Waziristan." The details revealed that wild po-

lio virus had been isolated from stool sample of 8-month boy, resident of Sedgai, UC Takhti Khel in district Ban-

Sedgai, UC Talahti Khel in district Ban-nu and 10-month boy, a resident of Kotka, UC Jhandoo Khel district Bannu. Likewise, virus has been detected in the stool sample of a 4-year-old girl, a resident of Gaeito village, UC Harnail, Torghar, 2-year-old boy, a resident of Shaloon village, UC Har-nail Torghar and 11-month girl from Zeraki village, UC Mir Ali 6, from North Mexicipton. North Waziristan. APP adds: Prime Minister's Focal

Person on Polio Babar Bin Atta said Person on Polio Babar Bin Atta said in a statement on Thursday that a fake drama was created against polio vaccine in Peshawar. He advised the parents to avoid considering any such propaganda against polio vaccine and vaccinate their children to protect them from polio virus.

He said that due to this fake drama, some parents of far-flung areas were

He said that due to this fake drama, some parents of far-flung areas were reluctant to vaccinate their children. He urged polio workers and provincial health officials to pay special focus on far-flung areas of KP and asked the province to utilise all resources to eradicate polio. He said despite significant achievements of the programme, the cunning polio-virus was still surviving and found a way of its survival, therefore special immunisation campaign

fore special immunisation campaign was planned in all core reservoirs to kill the wild polio virus forever.



Visiting Indian Sikh yatrees stand in front of statue of Maharaja Ranjit Singh installed Thursday outside Lahore Fort on the eve of his 108th death anniversary.-Staff photo by Mohsin Raza

Trump hits out at 'unacceptable' India tariffs

MONITORING DESK

US President Donald Trump has called new indian tariffs on American products "unaccept-able" and demanded that they be withdrawn,

flan tames able and demanded that they be able and demanded that they people all the products earlier in June, after the US announced it was withdrawing India's preferential trade; they are the are they are the are they are they are the are they treatment. Trump's criticism came a day after the two sides had downplayed tensions. Trump is due to meet Indian Prime Minister Na-

rendra Modi on the sidelines of the G20 summit,

which began in Osaka, Ippan, on Thursday.
Shortly before leaving for Japan, the US president told reporters on the White House lawn that he would be meeting leaders from different countries, "many of whom have been taking advantage of the United States – but not anymore".

Trump's tweet appeared to contradict a joint statement made by India's External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and visiting US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Wednesday. It said that "even great friends had differences," in what was seen as an attempt to downplay tensions. een as an attempt to downplay tensions

US-India bilateral trade was worth \$142 billion in 2018, a sevenfold increase since 2001, according to OS figures, Das Soo Minor to Will be hit since the country lost preferential treatment under America's Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) – a scheme that allows some goods to

ences (GSP) – a scheme that allows some goods to enter the US duty-free.

Trade tensions have been simmering between the two countries. Last year, India retaliated against US tariff hikes on aluminium and steel by raising its own import duties on a range of goods.

Trump has also threatened to impose sanctions if India purchases oil from Iran and some

tions if India purchases oil from Iran and goes ahead with plans to buy Russian S-400 anti-



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Federal Board of Revenue Division 1345-6738212 JUI-sponsored APC: A balance sheet

Top leaders of a number of opposition Top leaders of a number of opposition parties at an 8-hour JUI-F-sponsored conference in Islamabad on Wednesday identified important problems facing the country and their 'solutions'. The first 'remedy' that these 'visionaries' from all federating units came up with was to remove Senate Chairman Sadiq Sanjrani, hailing from the most backward province – Balochistan.

The first such moot against the PTI government also decided to observe

ernment also decided to observe July 25 as black day because the elecis held on this day a year ago were tions held on this day a year ago were allegedly 'massively rigged'. They rejected the national budget for 2019-20, the establishment of National Development Council (of which the COAS has been nominated as a member), as well as the commission that will investigate how debts obtained in the past 10 years were utilised.

Bad state of economy was referred to only in general terms but there was no mention of the free fall of rupee or the measures needed to control it.

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(On Wednesday the dollar-rupee arity was 1: 163, something mind-

parity was 1: 163, something mind-boggling).

It is beyond comprehension why the opposition leaders did not give the economic meltdown due impor-tance at the conference.

Had our leaders been affected by uncontrollable inflation, this issue

uncontrollable inflation, this issue that has hit hard all spheres of life should have given them sleepless nights, and treasury and opposition leaders should have buried the hatch-

leaders should have buried the hatch-et for some time and joined heads to find a solution on war footing. Now the question is who gained/ lost what from the conference and whether the opposition parties' pri-orities' for steering the country out of the prevailing situation are right. One fails to understand the very purpose of the conference. The is-sues raised at the conference were the ones raised in parliament many

the ones raised in parliament many a time. The conference has only un rmined the status of the bicar

dermined the status of the bicameral legislature. It has also negated the very purpose of elections. In elections voters decide who should or shouldn't be in the assem-blies. If those rejected by people are to be treated at par with the elected



It is beyond comprehension why the opposition leaders did not give the economic meltdown due importance at the conference

as was the case at the APC. ones, as was the case at the APC, then there is no need for spending billions of rupees on elections after every few years.

The argument that some leaders who were not part of parliament had added their voice to APC's demands carries no weight.

The decisions taken at the APC would not help advance the demos

ould not help advance the democratic process

Many are of the view any move to

Many are of the view any move to oust the Senate chairman will lead to new tensions in the upper house of parliament. The chairman and the ruling party will start making efforts to get the support of as many Senators as possible. The opposition, on the other hand, will do its best for the success of the initiative. These moves and countermoves will add to the state of uncertainty, which will further ruin the businesses and economy. When people of Balochistan are not tolerating a reference against a Supreme ating a reference against a Supreme Court judge (which has to be decided Court Judge (which has to be decided by the Supreme Judicial Council, a body of five top Judges), how will they digest the ouster of their leader as Senate chairman? This means if they are against the PTI for moving a refer-ence against a Judge from Balochistan, now they will turn against the PML-N, PPP and their allies for their mischief against a Balochistan leader.

against a Balochistan leader.

An analysis of the outcome shows that the APC host, Maulana Fazlur Rehman, had to face tremendous embarrassment for a second time in the past three quarters. He is reported to have suggested the legislators to resign from their seats. But both major parties PML-N and the PPP rejected the idea on the plea that it was not in their interest. His idea for protests has also been shelved for the time being as no agitation can be launched ing as no agitation can be launched when temperatures are so high. People still remember that de-People still remember that de-feated in the July 2018 elections, the Maulana had tried to persuade the legislators-elect not to take oath be-cause of the alleged irregularities in the electoral process. His suggestion had been turned down by all parties and they are part of the assemblies. Even Maulana Fazlur Rehman's son is a part of the National Assembly. Political observers are of the view

Political observers are of the view that the opposition parties are doing no service to themselves by calling Imran service to themselves by calling Imran Khan a 'selected prime minister'. This is an allegation that means he had been brought to power by the establishment. And when they bracket Imran with the establishment they in fact antagonise the latter. Can a movement both against the PTI and the establishment succeed?

The PML-N leadership, discovered, promoted and protected by Gen Gib.

promoted and protected by Gen Gh-ulam Jilani Khan and Gen Ziaul Haq, knows well that a campaign against the establishment is like striking one's head against the wall. The PTI saved itself from a big em-

The PTI saved itself from a big emborrassment by keeping Akhtar Mengal part of the coalition. The party gave an assurance to the BNP chief that all his demands would be met. Had the BNP chief broken ranks with the ruling coalition and participated in the APC, the opposition would have got an opportunity to portray it as a major.

an opportunity to portray it as a major defeat of the government.

Whatever the opposition's future plans, the ruling coalition would have to plans, the ruling conlition would have to take urgent measures to save the econo-my. It's a fact that the team of imported 'specialists' has falled to control the slide and much more needs to be done. Good or bad response to the amnesty scheme, expiring on June 30, will also play a role in shaping up the future scenario.



Boys collecting sea shells at beach.-Online

Sindh Assemble Britany 45-67 121 asses finance bill 2019

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If Centre releases our due share, we could reduce these taxes by convening special session of assembly," says CM

The Sindh Assembly on Thursday passed The Sindh Finance Bill, 2019' by rejecting all amendments proposed by the Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan amid protest of opposition for imposing the passet trace, on the control posing 'too many taxes' on the people. Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah

who also holds the finance portfolio moved the bill before the house which

moved the bill before the house which was opposed by three major opposition parties — Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf, Grand Democratic Alliance and MQM-P. Speaking on the bill, Murad said that owing to shortage of funds they had to impose taxes, adding that they would try to ensure that these taxes don't hit the common man. "If the Centre releases our due share, we could reduce these taxes by convening special session of the

assembly," he added.
Responding to some lawmakers' assertion that taxes were imposed on urban areas only, the chief minister said that Karachi is integral part of Sindh of would remain the same. "Some members of differentiate tax collection from Karachi and other parts of Sindh but they should understand that Karachi is they should understand that Karachi is part of Sindh," said Murad.

part of Sindh, "said Murad.
Fiery and loudly speech of the chief minister inked the Opposition Leader Firdaus Shamim Naqvi who boycotted the proceedings while other PTI members kept protesting throughout Murad's speech. "Do whatever you want but my tone will be the same, if you talk against my Dharti," the CM added.
Briefing on the bill, the Minister for Excise and Taxation Mukesh Kumar Chawla said that motor vehicle registration tax was increased a bit but the tax

would remain same on transfer of a vehicle. "Rs 1,800 and Rs 3,000 would be collected as tax on registration of 70 CC to 125 CC and 150 CC bikes respectively," he added.

Government imposes tax on bikes

On the other hand, PTI, MQM-P and On the other hand, PTI, MQM-P and GDA opposed the bill, saying that this would further increase burden on the people.

Opposition Leader Firdaus Shamim Naqvi said that they never distinguish Karachi from Sindh but the city has dif-ferent angles than other parts of Sindh.

The government collects most of tax from Karachi but its infirastructure is destroyed," he added. Naqvi said that the government has increased tax even on online Taxi service which he said performing the responsibility of the government. Tat the one hand, a private company is providing people better transportation but on the other hand, the government is not facilitating it either he said. ther," he said.

Muhammad Hussain of the MOM-P Muhammad Hussain of the MQM-P said that the government has imposed a tax even on the motorcyclists, adding that a large number of poor people use bike to commute as the government had failed to provide them public transport. After the discussion, the bill was presented before the house which passed it amid protest of the opposition. Later, the house was adjourned till Friday at 10am.

Met Office forecasts drizzle in Karachi

The met office has forecast cloudy

The met office has forecast cloudy weather with chances of drizzle in the metropolis on coming Friday and Saturday.

The routine sea-breeze (south-western winds) have returned to the port city providing some relief to the citizens suffering from a spell of hot and humid weather.

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) in its forecast pre-

Pakistan Meteorological Depart-ment (PMD), in its forecast pre-dicted partly cloudy weather with occasion gusty winds in Karachi on Thursday night. The PMD how-ever, forecast cloudy and windy weather with chances of drizzle late night and early morning on Friday and Saturday. Karachi's various localities had also received morning drizzling in the past week.

The temperature was recorded

as 35 degrees Celsius in Karachi while humidity recorded at 57

According to the weather depart-ment, a seasonal low lies over north-

According to the weather department, a seasonal low lies over northeast Balochistan and a westerly wave is likely to approach upper parts of the country tonight.
Mainly hot and dry weather is expected in most parts of the country on Friday, while very hot in plain areas of Sindh and Punjab.
However, dust-thunderstorm/ rain with gusty winds is expected at isolated places in Malakand Hazara, Peshawar, Kohat, Bannu, Rawalpindi, Lahore, Gujranwala, Sargodha, Faisalabad, Sahiwal, Sukkur, Kalat and Zhob divisions, Islamabad, Gilgit Balistan and Kashmir.
Yesterday's highest maximum temperatures were recorded 46°Celsius in Sibbi and Jaccobabad, while 45°Celsius in Sukkur, D.G.Khan, Larkana, Rohri and Dadu. NNI



Residents of Azam Basti hold a protest against kidnapping of Hindu woman Seri Davi, outside press club.—Online

Quick Read

391 vehicles impounded, Rs5m tax recovered in 3 days

KARACHI (INP): In line with the directives of Sindh Minister for Excise and Taxation & Narcotics Control and Parliamentary Affairs Mukesh Kumar Chawla, a four-day drive against tax defaulting vehicles was underway across the province. In first three days of Road Checking Campaign to nab the tax return vehicles, as many 9029 vehicles, as many 9029 vehicles, in Hyderabad 2250 vehicles, in Sukkur 980 vehicles, in Larkana 2150 vehicle KARACHI (INP): In line with

hicles, in Larkana 2150 vehicles, in Mirpurkhas 797 vehicles and in Shaheed Benazirabad 562 vehicles

venicies and in Shaneed Benazirabad 562 vehicles have been checked, while on certain reasons 391 vehicles had been impounded and the documents of 569 vehicles had also been seized.

So far in Karachi R. Saza, post of the saza, p

work and recovery of the taxes during Road Checking

Campaign.

Mukesh Kumar Chawla
also thanked the owners of the vehicles, who coop-erated with Sindh Excise Department during Road Checking Campaign.

PPP believes in freedom of minorities: Wahab

KARACHI (Staff Reporter): Adviser to Chief Minister on Information, Law and Anti-Corruption Barrister Murtaza Corruption Barrister Murtaza Wahab Thursday distributed cheques among the needy people on behalf of Paki-stan People's Party Minori-ties Wing in connection with 66th birthday of Mohtarma Shaheed Benazir Bhutto at Peoples Secretariat. Peoples Secretariat.

The adviser was chief guest on this occasion. He said that Pakistan People's Party believed in the freedom

Party believed in the freedom and welfare of minorities. Wahab said that PPP is the only political party that is taking concrete steps to pro-tect the rights of all minorities and empowering them social-ly, politically and economi-cally. He said we should help marginalised people to raise marginalised people to raise their standards of living.

Wahab said on the occa-sion that Shaheed Mohtarsion that Shaheed Mohtar-ma Benazir Bhutto was a great leader of Asia played historic role in moving the country towards a tremen-dous path. Wahab said that Pakistan People's Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari is taking the mission of Benazir Bhutto Shaheed and her mission in the prosperity of every Pakistani.

Reacting to Federal State Minister's statement, Wa-Minister's statement, Wahaba said that the address of Sheharyar Afridi is the result of pistachio adding that if the usage of narcotics is necessary for higher education he said that the PTI leaders are champion of blame game and he said this type of statement is showing their independ lower men. their indecent lower men tality level.

tality level.
Reacting to the address
of Sheharyar Afridi that it is
necessary to get English Education and use of drugs, the
adviser said that the claim
of PTI leaders for the end
of drugs are false and nation
knows who uses drugs.

Karachi

Quick Read

Woman dies from 'wrong injection'

KARACHI (INP): Another inrident of doctors' negligence reported as a woman died on Thursday after allegedly be-ing administered 'wrong in-jection' at a private hospital in Karachi.

in Karachi.

According to details, the 40-year-old Saima was feeling pain in her stomach. In a bid to get treatment, her relatives took her to the Hospital.

After examining the patient, the doctor allegedly administered 'wrong injection' which tered 'wrong injection' which took her life.

The family of Saima de-manded the police to take action against the hospital management.

Uniformed men in police van commit house heist

KARACHI (INP): Men in police uniforms deprived a fam-ily from cash and other valu-ables in North Nazimabad locality of Karachi on Thurs-day. A citizen has informed the police authorities in a written application about the heist incident and requested its inquiry.

heist incident and requested its inquiry.

According to the com-plaint, a police mobile, car-rying two men in police uniform and others in plain cloths, along with riders on two motorbikes, entered in the house and checked na-

the house and checked national identity cards of the family members. They also thoroughly searched the house, the complaint said.

The men misbehaved with the women of the house and children, according to the application. The accused during the search broke locks of a bag, robbed 1.25 Lac rupees cash and fled from the house, cash and fled from the house, the citizen complained. The incident took place at

Block-S of North Nazimabad area at night two days ago according to details.

Governor, DG Rangers discuss law, order situation

KARACHI (Online): The Direct tor General of Sindh Rangers Major General Umar Ahmed Bukhari called on the Sindh Bukhari called on the Sindh Governor Imran Ismail at the Governor House in Karachi. During the meeting, overall law and order situation of the province was discussed besides other matters of im-portance.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor lauded the role of law enforcement agencies in-cluding army, police and rangers for the restoration of peace ers for the restoration of peace in the province especially Ka-rachi. The Governor and DG Rangers also expressed firm resolve to eliminate every type of crime from the province.



Children enjoying jumping jack setup by a roadside vendor.—APP

CM for fair distribution of water to the areas



I will not allow anybody to disturb water distribution system

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Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Thursday directed irrigation department to en-sure equitable distribution of sure equitable distribution of water in the command areas of all the three barrages and 14 canals, however adequate water must be released to the command area of Kotri Barrage where early crops of kharif were planted.

Be issued these directives while presiding over a meeting regarding equitable distribution of water particularly to the tailend areas of Badin, Sujawal and Thatta.

Thatta.

Thatta.

The meeting was attended by Minister Irrigation Syed Nasir Shah, Minister Agriculture Ismail Rahu, Deputy Speaker Sindh Assembly Rehana Leghari, Special Assistant to CM on Irrigation Ashfaque Memon, Special Secretary irrigation Aslam Ansari, elected representatives (MPAs) of Basilian Assistantives (MPAs) of Basilian Asham Ansari, elected representatives (MPAs) of Ba-din, Sujawal and Thatta.

The chief minister said that during April and May substan-tial discharge of 12000 cusecs was provided to Rohri and Nara Canal to facilitate cotton

sowing. He added that cotton sowing

target in the both the circles has been achieved to the ex-tent of 90 percent. Murad said that he had decided that adequate water should be provided to Kotri Barrage with pri-ority to Akram Wah and Fuleli ority to Akram Wah and Fulcii Canal to encourage sowing of dry crops and this has been done properly. Now, early sowing of Kharif crops have been started down-stream Kotri, therefore they

12,000 provided to Rohri. Nara Canal

must be released adequate wa-

ter.

He said that adequate w He said that adequate water would reach to the tailend areas of Badin, Sujawal and Thatta when all the illegal lifting of water or turning the direction of water courses would continue. "I will not allow anybody to disturb water distribution system," he said and directed Irrigation Minister Syed Nasir Shah to launch an operation against water theft/illegal water lifting through dif-ferent means. He directed Commissioner Hyderabad and DIG Hyderabad to pro-

and DIG Hyderabad to provide police force and participate in the cooperation being launched by Irrigation department.

The chief minister also urged Irrigation department to provide adequate supply of water to the right bank canals off taking from Sukkur Barrage such as Rice, NW and Dadu Canals.

Special Secretary Irrigation

Dadu Canals.

Special Secretary Irrigation
Aslam Ansari told the meeting
that over all there was around
38 percent water shortage. At
this the chief minister directed
him to ensure equitable supply
of water all over Sindh and special attention must be given to
the tail-enders.

Minister Irrigation Syed Nasir
Shah said that he would personally monitor operation against

ally monitor operation against water theft and would acquire the services of Pakistan Rangers,

the services of Pakistan Rangers, when required.

He assured the elected representatives of Badin, Sujawal and Thatta that water would be provided to their districts equitably.

Govt utilising all resources for masses: Ismail

Sindh Governor Imran Ismail Thursday said that the government was utilising all avail-able resources for provision of clean drinking water, health facilities, quality education and other basic necessities of life.

other basic necessities of life. Addressing on the occasion of inaugurating a plantation campaign by
planting a sapling at Pakistan Council
of Scientific and Industrial Research
(PCSIR) Laboratories Complex here,
Imran Ismail said that Prime Minister's
vision for Clean and Green Pakistan
was being pursued in letter and spirit,
according to a statement. The governor
said that PCSIR's offer for installation
of Ultra-Filtration Plant in the city was
welcomed. welcomed.

PCSIR Director General Muhammad Aleem Ahmed also briefed Governor Sindh Imran Ismail about functioning of PCSIR during his

Muhammad Aleem Ahmed informed the Muhammad Aleem Ahmed informed the Governor about 7 research centers including Applied Chemistry Research Center, Center for Environmental Studies, Applied Physics, Computer and Instrumentation Center, Phar-maceutical Research Center and others. He said that around 6000 different industries were being provided facilities of research and development under these research cenand development under these research cen-

He apprised the Governor that map He apprised the Governor that mapping has been done for testing the water in Tharparkar. A treatment plant was installed in Chachro area under project of Pakistan Science Foundation from which 1500 gallons of drinking water was being supplied on daily basis to over 4000 people.

مديراعلى: رميزه جيد نظامي امر محی محکمہ خارجہ کی ربورٹ مدير:خالديبزادهاشع سرعامرخان كااعلان

Commissioner vows to ensure SC directives on ZOT

OUR STAFF REPORTER

Karachi Commissioner Iftikhar Shallawa-Karachi Commissioner Iftikhar Shallawa-ni presided over a meeting to review the progress on Supreme Court directives about devising an action plan pertaining to Zulfiqarabad Oil Terminal (ZOT) at his office here on Thursday.

The representatives of KPT, KMC, OCAC, district administration and others also at-tended the meeting.

The commissioner stressed upon the heads of agencies that despite of passing six months and holding five meetings over

no substantial progress was

made in the matter.

He added that before submitting a final

He added that before submitting a final report to SC, all agencies should speed up their efforts and show results to clear the area (Shirin Jinnah Colony). He advised that all tankers should be moved to ZOT area which was already set up for the purpose to utilise it immediately for proper easiness of traffic flow in the area. He further directed the KMC to issue legal notices and adopt a legal procedure within a week to vacate the oil tanker area speedily and take steps to provide infrastructural facilities there [ZOT]. He also asked KPT to assist the local police to asked KPT to assist the local police to

resolve the issue on priority basis. OCAS mentioned that they had paid fixed pay-ment but still no progress observed in the

matter.
The PSO representative said that they

The PSO representative said that they were filling the oil regularly but all others should also be bound to follow the procedure. At present 5,800 tankers were registered with two officers who monitored supply of oil regularly.

The commissioner assured that their issues would be resolved. The district administration would provide all possible assistance to them. Further, he directed the Malir DC to keep vigil over the issue and to submit a detailed report to him.

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Al-Azizia Steel Mill verdict

IHC defers hearing in Nawaz's appeal against conviction

SHAHID RAO ISLAMABAD

The Islamabad High Court Thursday deferred hearing in former prime minister Nawaz Sharif's appeal against his conviction in Al-Azizia Steel Mill verdict.

A dual bench of IHC comprising lus-A dual bench of IHC comprising Jus-tice Aamer Farooq and Justice Moshin Akhtar Kayani conducted hearing of former prime minister's petition against his conviction and the sentence awarded to him by the Accountability

Court (AC) Islamabad on December 24, 2018 in the said reference. During hearing Nawaz Sharif's counsel Khawaja Haris appeared be-fore the court and sought adjournment

fore the court and sought adjournment for completion of paper books of the trial. Therefore, the bench deferred hearing in this matter till September for further proceedings in this regard. An accountability court in Islamabad convicted him in Al-Azizia/Hill Metals Establishment corruption references filed by National Accountability Bureau. Sharif had moved the

appeal through his counsel Khawaja Haris Ahmad and cited state through chairman National Accountability Bu-reau (NAB), NAB through its chairman, judge accountability court -II Islam-abad and superintendent central jail Kot Lakhpat Lahore as respondents.

The petitioner stated in the application that he was convicted under section 10 of NAO, 1999 read with schedule thereto and sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for a term of seven years along with a fine of Rs1.5 billion and 25 million US dollar. Sharif contended that from a bare perusal of the said judgment, it is evident that the findings recorded therein and forming basis for the conviction of the petitioner under section 9(a)(v) of NAO, 1999 read with section 10 ibid, are based on no evidence.

He argued that he was convicted and entenced on the basis of inadmissible sentenced on the basis of inadmissible evidence, unproven documents and statements of proxy witnesses which is not permissible in the eye of law. The petitioner maintained that it is apparent on the face of the record that

prima facie, the conviction and sen-tence recorded against the petitioner is illegal and unwarranted by law and consequently his incarceration in jail pursuant to his impugned conviction is tantamount to his being held in custody without lawful authority.

While referring the legal lacunas in the judgment of AC, Sharif requested the judgment of AC, Sharif requested the court in his appeal to acquit him of all the charges framed against him in National Accountability Bureau (NAB) reference No 19 of 2017. In his petition, Nawaz maintained

that the decision was based on as-sumptions and false interpretation of law while the evidences were misper-ceived and the accountability court an-nounced the verdict without hearing objections by the accused.

Therefore, he maintained that the said judgment, conviction and sen-tence are even otherwise illegal, with-out jurisdiction, unwarranted by law, based on inadmissible evidence and unproven documents and on miscon-ception and misinterpretation of law and liable to be set aside as such.



Hajira Tariq, h a v e passed the Second-Certificate



Annual Examination 2010 under Roll No. 113520 and Intermedi-ate Annual Examination 2012 under Roll No. 500907 from BISE Lahore. My father's name is Syed Tariq Masood Gillani whereas on my certificates my father's name has been mentioned as Sved Tarig Giltioned as Syed Tariq Gil-lani, which is incorrect. I want to get changed my father's name from Syed Tariq Gillani to Syed Tariq Gillani to Syed Tariq Masood Gil-lani in Board record. If any person/ orga-nization/ agency has any objection, then the same may be intimat-ed in writing to the Seced in writing to the Secretary, Board of Internediate and Secondary



days. (CM-971)



I, Sadaf Gul, have passed I, Sadaf Gul, have passed the Secondary School Cer-tificate Annual Examina-tion 1995 under Roll No. 002187 from BISE Lahor. My father's name is Mu-hammad Hussain where-as on my certificate my father's name has been mentioned as Ch. Mu-hammad Hussain, which is incorrect. I want to get changed my father's name changed my father's name from Ch. Muhammad Husfrom Ch. Muhammad Hus-sain to Muhammad Hus-sain in Board record. If any person/ organiza-tion/ agency has any ob-jection, then the same may be intimated in writing to the Secretary, Board of Intermediate and Second-ary Education, 86-Mozang ad, Lahore within 15 days. (CM-970)



have passed the Secondary School Certificate Annua Examination 2010 under Examination 2010 under Roll No. 18450 and In-termediate Annual Exam-ination 2012 under Roll No. 528703 from BISE La-hore. My father's name is Sheikh Nisar whereas on my certificates my father's name has been mentioned e has been mentioned as Sheikh Nisar Ahmed.

which is incorrect. I want to get changed my father's name from Sheikh Nisar Ahmed to Sheikh Nisar in Board record. If any per-son/ organization/ agen-cy has any objection, then the same may be intimat ed in writing to the Secre-tary, Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, 86-Mozang Road, Lahore within 15 days. (CM-964)





I, Shahzaib, have passed the Secondary School Cer-tificate Annual Examina-tion 2015 under Roll No. 169413 and Intermediate Annual Examination 2017 under Roll No. 532403 from BISE Lahore. My fa-ther's name is Zulfiqar Ali whereas on my certifi-cates my father's name has been mentioned as Zulbeen mentioned as Zulfigar, which is incorrect. I figar, which is incorrect. I want to get changed my father's name from Zulfiqar to Zulfiqar Ali in Board record. If any person/ organization/ agency has any objection, then the same may be intimated in writing to the Secretary, Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education 36-Monolays (Bucation 36-Monolays). ondary Education, 86-Mo zang Road, Lahore within 15 days. (Bill)



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I, Tuba Mushtaq, have ndary passed the Secondary School Certificate Annu

al Examination 2017 un-der Roll No. 111897 from Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Sa-hiwal. My father's name is Muhammad Mushtaq Ah-mad whereas on my certificate my father's name has been mentioned as Mu-hammad Mushtaq, which is incorrect. I want to get changed my father's name from Muhammad Mushtaq changed my father's name from Muhammad Mushtaq to Muhammad Mushtaq Ahmad in Board record. If any person/ organiza-tion/ agency has any ob-jection, then the same may be intimated in writing to the Secretary Board of Inthe Secretary, Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Sahiwal, with in 15 days. - Tuba Mush-tag d/o Muhammad Mushtaq d/o Munammad Mush-taq Ahmad, r/o Chak No. 95/12-L, Tehsil Chicha-watni, District Sahiwal.



have appeared in Matric Examination under Roll No. 309201 Annual 2019 from BISE Multan. – Adnan Shaukat s/o Shaukat Hus-sain, r/o P.O. Gulzar Pur, ehsil and District Multan (CM-7357)

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I, Zaygham Ali, holdin CNIC No. 35502-0106373 1, am the legal and right-ful owner of vehicle Toy-ota Corolla XLi, Model 2013, bearing Registra-tion No. LED-13-9789, Enine No. Y826297, Cha No. NZE1402170145. The NZE1402170145. The iginal Sale Invoice and/ Sale Certificate of this hicle, issued in the name Toyota Ravi Motors Indus Motor Company Limited, have been lost on 20-06-2019 in Shahkot. Finder may please return these documents to Customer Relations, Indus Motor Company Ltd., Plot No. NWZ/1/P-1, Port Qasim Authority, Kara-chi. Phone (Toll Free) No. 0800-11123. (Bill)

eral public that I, Muham-mad Raza Yunis s/o Muhammad Yunis, having CNIC No. 35202-3451576-3, have misplaced original 3, have misplaced original documents of my plot under Registration No. LCO-08260, Booking Application Form No. 030075, Plot No. 1131, measuring 5-marla, Block-G, City Lahore. I have applied for the duplicate of the lost documents in Bahria Town Orments. ments in Bahria Town Or-chard, Raiwind Road, Laany objection may con-tact the Head Office Bah-ria Town Orchard, Raiwind Road, Lahore, in the relevant department within 15 days from the date of its publication personally or on this No. 042-35451574-9. (CM-967)

My Original Matric Cer-tificate, Roll No. 14677 Annual 1989, issued by BISE Multan has been lost somewhere. Finder may please contact Muhammad Zubair, Ahmad s/o Ahmad Zubair Ahmad s/o Ahmad Nawaz Khan, r/o Mohal-lah Gharbi, Sokar, P.O. Sokar, Tehsil Taunsa Sharif, District Dera Ghazi Khan. (CM-7356)

Driver required for company executive, can drive Mercedes, etc. educated, good personality, 24 hours duty. Contact: MRF Group: 0300-4000111. (CM-960)

GENERAL NOTICE

It is notified for the infor-It is notified for the information of general public that Yasmeen Daud d/o Zia-ul-Haq Sheikh, r/o 496-1-C-1, Township, Lahore, passed away on 15-10-2016, that above said deceased was owner of 5-marla Plot Registration, No. 801-80223 tration No. BOL-00223, in Bahria Town, Lahore, in Bahria Town, Lahore, that regarding above said plot Court of Mr. Kamran Zaheer Abbasi on 20-10-2018 declared following legal heirs: (1) Abdul Wadood Khan, (2) Irum Zahid, (3) Adeel Khan. Now this plot is being transferred in the names of above given legal heirs of the said deceased, if any body or deceased. If any body or any institute has any objection please contact on number of Bahria Town, Lahore Office within 15 days. 042-35451574-9. (CM-969)

It is notified for the information of gener-al public that Maqsood Ahmad s/o Nazir Ah-mad, r/o House No. 190, Block-F, DHA, EME Sector, Multan Road, Lahore, passed away or 16-07-2018, that above 16-07-2018, that above said deceased was own-er of Plot Registration No. LHC-13508, measur-ing 5-marla, in Bahria Town, Lahore, that re-garding above said plot Court of Mr. Aqeel Ah-mad Janjua on 25-05-2019 declared following legal heirs; (1) Shabza-legal heirs; (1) Shabza-2019 declared following legal heirs: (1) Shahza-di Afsana Maqsood (widow), (2) Saleha Maqsood (daughter), (3) Fatima Awais (daughter) and (4) Mumtaz Bano (mother). Now this plot is being transferred in the names of above given lenames of above given le-gal heirs of the said de-ceased. If any body or

any institute has any ob-jection please contact on number of Bahria Town, Lahore Office within 15 days. 042-35451574-9. (CM-972)

PUBLIC NOTICE Allied Bank Limited in-

17-Kanai 14-Maria being 177/202 share of Salam Khata 20-Kanal 4-Mar-la contained in Khe-wat No. 144, Khatooni No. 861 to 864, Khasra

No. 861 to 864, Khasra Nos. 31/12/2, 31/18/1, 31/19, 31/22, 31/23/1, Qitat 5 owned by Mu-hammad Bilal Fazal s/o Fazal Muhammad, situat-ed at Chak No. 111/9-L, Tehsil and District Sahi-wal, as per copy of Regis-ter Haqdaran Zameen for the year 2015-16. In case

the year 2015-16. In case

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undersigned within seven days from publication of instant notice, otherwise no objection will be en-tertained. – Muhammad Abdur Rauf Sindhu, Ad-vocate High Court, Legal Advisor Allied Bank Lim-ited. 131-District Courts.

ited, 131-District Courts Sahiwal. Cell No. 0300-

In the Court of Shazia Parveen Qadir Sahi-ba, Judge Family Court, Bahawalnagar. Sanyia Aslam Vs Rashid Iqbal. Suit for Dissolution of Marriage. Notice to: Rashid Iqbal s/o Mukhtar Ahmad, caste Mughal, r/o Zia Shaheed Colony. Neg

Zia Shaheed Colony, Near

Makki Masjid, Haroon-abad, District Bahawal-

abad, District Bahawal-nagar, presently at Street No. 4, Al-Azizia, Makkah Mukarramah, Saudi Ara-bia. Whereas service of defendant is not going to be effected through ordi-nary means. So, service of respondent is effect

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COURT NOTICES

tiated against you. Given under my hand and the Seal of the Court on 26-Allied Bank Limited in-tends to purchase Ag-riculture Land measur-ing 56-Kanal, detail of, which is as under prop-erty measuring 2-Kanal 10-Marla Salam Khata contained in Khewat No. 123/2, Khatooni No. 753, Khasra No. 31/22/11.0 Utat 06-2019. (Bill) 123/2, Khatooni No. 753, Khasra No. 31/21/1, Qitat 1, owned by Muhammad Bilal Fazal s/o Fazal Muhammad; property mea-suring 27-Kanal 16-Marla being 151232/194752
DRIVER: REQUIREDakistaar@345f67\$8247 Khata 35-Kanal 16-Mar-la owned by Muhammad Saeed s/o Rana Abdul Razzaq: property measur-ing 8-Kanal 0-Marla be-ing 43520/194752 share of Salam Khata 35-Kanal 16-Marla owned by Mu-16-Marla owned by Mu-hammad Bilal Fazal s/o Fazal Muhammad con Fazai Muhammad con-tained in Khewat No. 123, Khatooni No. 753 to 754, Khasra Nos. 31/21/2, 31/10, 31/12/1, 31/11, 31/20, 31/26/1, Qitat 6, property measuring 17-Kanal 14-Marla being 177/202 share of Salam

In the Court of Mr Faisal Jamil, Senior Civil Judge (Civil Division), District Sheikhupura. Case No. 1630 dated 02-04-2019. Suit for Partition of House.
Sheikh Muhammad Islam-ud-Din Vs Babar
Salah-ud-Din, tc. Notice
to: (1) Babar Salah-udDin s/o Gulzar Muhamad, caste Sheikh, presently r/o Schmalkalder
Str-5.1 71334, Waibling,
Germany. (2) Muhammad Lutafullah s/o Gulzar Muhammad, caste Suit for Partition of House Muhammad, caste

through proclamation in daily "The Nation", La-hore. You respondent are directed to appear in the Court in person or

through counsel on 10-07-2019 at 08:00 am,

failing which ex-parte proceedings shall be ini-

Sheikh, presently r/o Schmalkalder Str-5.1 71334, Waibling, Germany. Whereas in the above-mentioned case it has been proved to the satis-faction of the Court that the above-mentioned de fendant cannot be served in the ordinary way. It is therefore, proclaimed under Order 5, Rule 20 CPC that if the said defendant will/shall not appear personally or through a duly authorized agent or pleader in Court at 08:00 am on 02-07-2019 the proceedings will be taken ex-parte. No arguments of any nature shall be entertained thereafter. Given under my hand and Seal of fendant cannot be served under my hand and Seal of the Court. (CM-971)

In the Court of Mr Shabbaz Hussain, Faazal Addition-al District Judge, District Sheikhupura. Case No. 104 dated 16-04-2019. Appeal against Decision and Or-

der dated 29-03-2019 by the Court of Nabeel Hus-sain Kahloon, Civil Judge, Sheikhupura. Maqboolan Bibi, etc. Vs Muhammad Naeem, etc. Notice to: Mu-hammad Naeem s/o Saleem Ahmad, caste Arain, r/o House No. 104, Blockr/o House No. 104, Block-W, Housing Colony, Sheikh-upura. Whereas in the above-mentioned case it has been proved to the sat-isfaction of the Court that the above-mentioned de-fendant cannot be served in the ordinary way. It is therefore, proclaimed untherefore, proclaimed un-der Order 5, Rule 20 CPC that if the said defendant will/ shall not appear per-sonally or through a duly authorized agent or plead-er in Court at 08:00 am on er in Court at 08:00 am on 29-06-2019 the proceed-ings will be taken ex-parte. No arguments of any na-ture shall be entertained thereafter. Given under my hand and Seal of the Court. (CM-971)

FAISALABAD ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED **TENDER NOTICE**

CARRIAGE/ ERECTION OF H.T/L.T/SPUN PCC POLES FOR ELR/ CHAIN PROPOSAL/ NEW CONNECTIONS WORKS UNDER FESCO

		J	HANG CIRCLE JHANG 2019-20.					
GROUP NO.	DIVISIO	N	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (M)				
Group-I	Jhang-I		Carriage/erection of H.T/L.T /Spun PCC poles under the jurisdiction of Jhang-I Division for new connections, deposit works, chain proposals under DOP/ELR.					
Group-II	T.T.Singh	ì	Carriage/erection of H.T/L.T /Spun PCC poles under the jurisdiction of T.T.Singh Division for new connections, deposit works, chain proposals under DOP/ELR					
Group-III	Gojra		Carriage/erection of H.T/L.T /Spun PCC poles under the jurisdiction of Gojra Division for new connections, deposit works, chain proposals under DOP/ELR	2.000				
Group-IV	Jhang-II		Carriage/erection of H.T/L.T /Spun PCC poles under the jurisdiction of Jhang-II Division for new connections, deposit works, chain proposals under DOP/ELR	2.000				
Group-V	Bhakkar		Carriage/erection of H.T/L.T /Spun PCC poles under the jurisdiction of Bhakkar Division for new connections, deposit works, chain proposals under DOP/ELR					
Group-VI	Sultan Bal	hu	jurisdiction of Sultan Bahu Division for new connections, deposit works, chain proposals under DOP/ELR					
Group-VII	Kamalia	Kamaila Carriage/erection of H.T/L.T /Spun PCC poles under the jurisdiction of Kamaila Division for new connections, deposit works, chain proposals under DOP/ELR						
Group-VIII	Darya Kha	an	Carriage/erection of H.T/L.T /Spun PCC poles under the jurisdiction of Darya Khan Division for new connections, deposit works, chain proposals under DDP/ELR	2.000				
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Tenders will be opened on 23.07.2019 at 1:30 PM

Office of S.E (Operation) FESCO Jhang Circle Jhang.

Tender documents will be received on 23.07.2019 at 1:00 PM in the office of S.E. (0) FESCO Jhang Circle Jhang.

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Quick Read

Turkish, US defence officials discuss Syria in Brussels



ANKARA (AA): Turkey's de-fense minister and the US special envoy for Syria dis-cussed the situation in the northern Syrian town of Man-bij and the east of Euphrates River on Thursday, according to a statement from Turkto a statement from Turk-ish Defense Ministry. During their meeting at the NATO headquarters in Brussels, Hulusi Akar and James Jeffrey also discussed latest develo

also discussed latest develop-ments in Syria, the statement said. Akar told Jeffrey that Turkey expected the US to keep its promises on Manbij. Last year, Ankara and Washington reached a deal stipulating the withdrawal of YPC/PKK terrorists from the town for the stability of the region, located in the north-ern part of Syria's Aleppo region, located in the north-ern part of Syria's Aleppo province. Akar reiterated Turkey's views for the forma-tion of a safe zone in the east of the Euphrates River, the statement added. Turkey previously under-lined that a safe zone in this area would need to be free of YPG/PKK terrorists and that the region's safety must be

the region's safety must be secured by Turkey. The YPG is the Syrian offshoot of the PKK, a terrorist group recog-PKK, a terrorist group recog-nized by Turkey, the US and the EU which in its 30-year terror campaign has taken some 40,000 lives, including women and children.

'Erdogan-Trump meeting could bring progress on S-400



BRUSSELS (AA): A meet ing of the Turkish and US presidents during the G20 summit in Japan could help resolve the issue of Turkey's purchase of Russian S-400 defense systems, said NATO's

defense systems, said NATO's chief on Thursday. When Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and US President Donald Trump meet in Japan this week, 'hopefully that can bring some progress," Jens Stol-tenberg told reporters fol-lowing a two-day NATO de-fense ministers' meeting in Brussels. Brussels.

Brussels.

Welcoming dialogue between Turkey and the US on the "difficult" 5-400 issue, Stoltenberg said it was not part of the NATO meeting but was discussed on its sidelines.

Tensions between the US and Turkey have escalated in recent months over the Russian S-400 air defense systems purchase.



Theresa May and her husband Philip arrive at Kansai airport for the G20 Osaka summit

Venezuela government says it thwarted 'coup' plot



Maduro warns that he would be ruthless in a revolutionary counteroffensive against an attempted fascist coup

Venezuela's socialist government said Wednesday it had deralled a coup bid, claiming the United States, Colombia and Chile colluded in a military plot to assassinate President Nicolas Maduro and install a general and former defense minister in his place. Maduro warned that he would be "ruthless in a revolutionary counter-offensive against an attempted fascist coup—ruthless!"

In a speech broadcast nationwide on adio and television, an agitated Maduro cadio and television, an agitated Maduro

radio and television, an agitated Maduro denounced a "fascist attempt to assassi-nate me" -- and lashed out at Colombian nate me" -- and lashed out at Colombian President Ivan Duque saying his "complicity" was "evident." Venezuelan Communications Minister Jorge Rodriguez earlier said the alleged coup involved active duty and retired military officers, and was to have been executed between Sunday and Monday this past weekend. "We were in all the meetings to plan the coup d'Etat. We were in all the conferences." he said, suggesting informers

the coup d'Etat. We were in all the con-ferences," he said, suggesting informers had infiltrated the alleged plotters - a t least six of whom had been detained. In his televised speech, Rodriguez also accused opposition leader Juan Guaido of planning "a bloodbath." Guaido for his part dismissed the coup claims as fic-tion, saying the media had "lost count" of how many times the same accusations had been repeated. had been repeated.

Recognized by the United States and

more than 50 countries as the country's interim president, Guaido said he would



to call on the armed forces to

continue to call on the armed forces to abandon Maduro. Rodríguez accused Colombia's Duque of being closely involved in the alleged plot, and implicated Chilean President Sebastian Pinera and US National Secu-rity Advisor John Bolton. Without referring directly to the charge, Colombia's foreign minister, Carlos Holmes Trujillo, said his country would "continue to act through political would service to the continue of the control of the control would "continue to act through political

Carlos Holmes Trujillo, said his country would "continue to act through political and diplomatic means" in Venezuela. Rodriguez presented testimony from one of the detainees — Lieutenant Carlos Saavedra, identified as the nephew of retired General Ramon Saavedra, who was arrested Wednesday by Venezuelan intelligence agents. According to Rodriguez, surveillance of the plotters and the political services are serviced with the politics. guez, surveillance of the plotters and Saavedra's recorded "confession" re-vealed that the plan envisaged the taker of three military bases, including

over of three military bases, including La Carlota air base in Caracas. The plotters hoped to spring Raul Baduel – a former defense minister under late president Hugo Chavez – from jail to proclaim him president, Rodriguez said. Maduro demoted Baduel last year as part of a purge of senior military officers, which also included another genal, Antonio Rivero, allegedly another leader of the coup bid. The head of the National Assembly, Guaido proclaimed himself Venezuela's interim president in January on the grounds Maduro's 2018 re-election was illegitimate.

himself Venezuela's interim president in January on the grounds Maduro's 2018 re-election was illegitimate. Venezuelan authorities recently said that 17 people had been charged with attempting a coup on April 30, dur-ing Guaido's failed attempt to inspire a military urgicing Only some 30 military. military uprising. Only some 30 military personnel joined Guaido, and the revolt fizzled after two days of deadly clashes Several people close to Guaido have since been detained, though not the lawmaker himself.

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However, in the wake of Rodriguez's
accusations, he told reporters he had
'frustrated' an attempt to kidnap several members of his entourage on a
Caracas highway. The kidnappers were
armed and "dressed as civilians" he said.
Rodriguez also accused Maduro's
former intelligence chief Cristopher
Figuera – who has defected to the
United States – of seeking "hundreds of
thousands of dollars" for supporting the
abortive uprising. Figuera "turned out
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US media, Figuera said members of
Maduro's family and his government
were engaged in money laundering and
corruption, and alleged Hezbollah cells
were allowed to operate in Venezuela
and raise funds.

On Wednesday Ivan Simonovis, a former, Menezuela police, chief

On Wednesday Ivan Simonovis, a former Venezuelan national police chief who fled house arrest in Caracas where he was being held on murder charges, was in Washington to talk to US law-makers about "criminal activities" or

makers about "criminal activities" of the Maduro government. He backed up many of Figuera's allegations. Washington has imposed crippling sanctions on Maduro's government, holding the president responsible for the collapse of the Latin American oil the collapse of the Latin American oil giant, which has seen millions flee amid widespread shortages of basic goods and medicines.

European heatwave sets new June temperature records



AGENCIES FRANCE

A heatwave affecting much of Europe is expected to intensify further with countries - includ-ing France, Spain and Switzerland - expecting temperatures above 40C (104F) later on

above 40C (104F) later on Thursday. On Wednesday, Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic recorded their highest tem-peratures for June. Meteorolo-gists say hot air drawn in from northern Africa is responsible. The heat is expected to rise further in many countries over further in many countries over

the next three days, meteorolo-gists warn. By early afternoon, temperatures had reached 37C in Turin in Italy, 39C in the Spanish city of Zaragoza, and 32C in Avignon in southers Spanish city of Zaragoza, and 39C in Avignon in southern France. In Spain, 11 provinces in the east and centre of the country are set to experience temperatures above 40C. In parts of the north-east, they may reach 45C on Friday.

Hundreds of firefighters are battling wildfires in Catalonia, described by the regional government as some of the worst in 20 years. At least 4,000 hectares (10,000 acres) are affect-



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ed, but officials said that in the intense heat the area could in-crease to 20,000ha. Thirty peo-ple have been evacuated and five roads have been closed.

Temperatures are expected to top 40C in Italy too, particu-larly in central and northern regions. Several cities, including Rome, have issued the highest

Rome, have issued the highest heat warnings.

On Thursday morning the body of a 72-year-old homeless Romanian man was found near Milan's central train station. Officials say the heat may have been a factor in his death. Philin Trackfield a Ritish

Philip Trackfield, a British

tourist in Rome, told the BBC:
"Last night at the Spanish steps
it was 41C. It's exhausting
when you're trying to do all the
sights." Meanwhile the whole
of France - where a heatwave
in 2003 was blamed for 15,000
deaths. it was not strong about deaths - is now on orange alert, the second-highest warning lev the second-highest warning level. In Paris, fountains and sprin-lelers connected to hydrants have been set up. Some schools have delayed important exams and even closed. In Toulouse, where temperatures are expected to reach 41C on Thursday, charities have been handing out water to homeless people

Trump-XI showdown to dominate G20 summit



US tightened restrictions on Chinese telecom champion Huawei and four other Chinese tech firms by putting them on a trade "blacklist".

Leaders from the Group of 20 nations (G20) will meet in Osaka from Friday in what is likely to be its most important summit since the global financial crisis.

summit since the global financial crisis. When the G20 met in Washington one month after the Lehman Brothers crash in 2008, they were focused on a mammoth task: how to piece the world economy back together and avoid a future crisis.

A decade later the G20 nations face another huge challenge in resolving a US-China trade war that has rattled businesses around the world, and cast a shadow over the global economy. That's

shadow over the global economy. That's why the meeting between US President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping on Saturday will be so closely

watched.

They last met seven months ago at another G20 summit in Buenos Aires. Over grilled sirloin and caramel rolled pancakes, the pair agreed on a 90 day truce to their trade war. Now, reports are emerging that another trade truce could be struck in Osalea. While that would provide markets with some relief, it won't mean the trade war is over. it won't mean the trade war is over

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In the months leading up to the G20
meeting in Japan, the trade clash between the world's two largest economies has escalated. The US tightnend
restrictions on Chinese telecom champion Huawei and four other Chinese



tech firms by putting them on a trade

Beijing responded angrily with threats of its own trade ban, and in re-cent weeks has increased scrutiny on American firms operating in China, including FedEx

If they don't strike a trade deal, Mr rump has threatened to impose tariffs n \$300bn (£236.5bn) of Chinese goods that would mean pretty much every-

thing that China sells to the US would be subject to tariffs.

But while many US businesses ap-prove of Mr Trump's hardline stance on China, more tariffs is the last thing they want. Companies have urged Mr Trump to end the trade war, warning of higher prices and risks to their future.

Both leaders are under pressure at home to show they are walking away with the best deal - so they won't want

and Mr Trump heading into an election year, neither side can afford to let the trade war go on for much longer. If a truce is announced, there will be relief from G20 nations too

The trade war is having an impact on global growth, with the International Monetary Fund and others warning that escalating US-China trade tensions are

- Sharaey Fatima

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Environmental Monitoring and Laboratory Testing

among the biggest threats to the world economy. Rising tensions between the US and Iran is another issue likely to be on the minds of many at the G20 summit. This week the US announced fresh sanctions on Iran and the country's Suprebleader Ayatollah Khamenei - moves Mr Trump said were a response to recent "aggressive behaviour" by the country.

"aggressive behaviour" by the country. Their spat has led to oil prices shooting up over fears of a conflict between Washington and Tehran. Expect the US president to try to shore up support from allies for his sanctions on Iran - and expect Beijing to back Iran, albeit subtly. Environmental issues are likely to get a fair amount of attention at the G20 meeting. As the summit chair, Japan is boning to get an agreement from G20.

hoping to get an agreement from G20 members on the reduction of plastic

waste in the ocean.

The UN says that some 300 million tonnes of plastic waste is produced every year, and around 8 million tonnes ends up in our oceans, killing marine life and choking up our oceans with toxic chemicals. By 2050, the UN says, if current trends continue our oceans could contain more plastic than fish.

So expect more efforts by Japan to get firm commitments from countries to ban single use plastic, and reduce plastic waste to zero in the oceans. But also expect some resistance from the US, over concerns of what this could do to its petrochemicals and plastics industries.

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ter to recotive cash dividend withheld by the Company as the shareholders are requested to contact the Company's trar at the below given address in case of physical shirty Participant Irrestor Account Services of Central Degramy of Pasistan for CDC shares (as the case may be) also copy of their respective valid GNE and provide complet in details including valid IRAN.

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TENDER NOTICE NO. PCP, 1-5/2019-P&0/1332

Sealed Tenders are invited from the reputable Firm/ Dealers/Suppliers, registered with Sales Tax and Income Tax Departments for supply of White Offset Paper (Local), Burst Factor 11 minimum, Opacity 80% minimum and Brightness 80% minimum with 5% ± margin. White Offset Paper (Imported), Brown Kraft Paper (Incoal) Bible Paper (Imported), Brown Kraft Paper (Local) Bible Paper (Imported), Brown Kraft Paper (Local) Bible Paper (Imported), Brown Start Paper (Imported), White Art Card (Imported), Art Paper (Imported), White Art Card (Imported), Grewn Pinter Pulp Board (Imported), Start Baper (Imported), Board (Imported), Grewn Pinter Pulp Board (Imported), Grewn Binding Cloth (Local), P.S. Pates (Local) Size Paper (Imported), Blue Card Board (Local), P.S. Pates (Local), Cutting Knives for Polar Cutting Machine and Photo Copier Machine to PCP Press, slasmabad, Lahore and Karachi on free delivery basis. Detailed specifications will be available on PPRA Website www.ppra.org.pk. The detail of specifications, Press-wise requirement of material, other terms and conditions etc. can be obtained from the undersigned or from our Presses located at University Road, Karachi (Phone No. 021-9231020 and 3-Chatterjee Road, Urdu Bazar, Lahore (Phone No. 42-37210095) on any working day on payment of Rs. 500/- (Non-refundable) on written request on letterhead of the firm. No tender will be sold on the date of opening of Tender.

2. Tender should be received on or before 16-07-2019

ing or render. Fender should be received on or before 16-07-2019 upto 11:00 a.m. The Tenders will be opened on the same day at 11:30 a.m in the presence of the tenderers or their authorized representatives who may like to attend.

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Boeing hits by new 737 max problems

US regulators have uncovered a po new flaw in Boeing's troubled 737 Max aircraft that is likely to push back test flights. The Federal Avia-tion Administration (FAA) said it had identified the "potential risk" during simulator tests, but did not reveal

details.

Boeing's top-selling aircraft was grounded in March after two crashes. The company is upgrading the aircraft's flight control system, which is the focus of crash investigators. The control system can help prevent a plane from stalling.

In a tweet, the FAA said: "On the

most recent issue, the FAA's process is designed to discover and highlight tential risks. The FAA recently

potential risks. The FAA recently found a potential risk that Boeing must mitigate." A source familiar with the situa-tion told the BBC: "During simulator testing last week at Boeing, FAA test pilots discovered an issue that affect-ed their ability to mickly and easily fed. ed their ability to quickly and easily fol-low the required recovery procedures for runaway stabiliser trim (ie, to stop stabilisers on the aircraft's tail moving stabilisers on the aircraft's tail moving uncontrollably. The issue was traced to how data is being processed by the flight computer.' Last month, the FAA indicated that approval of Boeing's changes to the 737 Max could come in late June. That would have allowed test flights in early July.

There were initial hopes among airlines that the 737 Max would be back in the air during the summer.

back in the air during the summer, but that timetable was pushed back to late this year even before the latest news. Reuters, which first reported the new issue, said during an FAA pi-lot simulation in which the software was activated, it had taken longer

than expected to recover the aircraft.
Other sources said the problem
was linked to the aircraft's computing power and whether the processor possessed enough capacity to
keep up. Boeing said "we are working
closely with the FAA to safely return
the Max to service" and that it believed a software fix would address
the problem.

the problem.

If regulators are unsatisfied with the software fix, the microprocessor unit will have to be replaced and the

grounding may stretch on for months

grounding may stretch on for months longer than previously thought. The loss of Ethiopian flight ET302 in March was the second fatal accident involving a 737 Max in the space of five months. A near identical aircraft, owned by the Indonesian carrier Lion Air, went down in the sea off Jakarta in October 2018. The news that the FAA has found a "potential risk" in software developed for the 737 Max should come as no surprise. 737 Max should come as no surprise.

Firstly, fixing the plane is clearly not a simple process. Boeing has been working on the issue for the past eight months - and if a quick perhaps the second of the two acci-

perhaps the second of the two acci-dents could have been avoided. Meanwhile, the regulator itself is under intense pressure and its credi-bility is at stake. Its own actions certi-fying the aircraft and its relationship with Boeing have come under fierce scrutiny. In deciding whether the air-craft is safe to fly again, it needs to be absolutely rigorous - and needs to be seen to be ricorous as well. seen to be rigorous as well.

There's a great deal at stake here.

The longer the 737 Max remains The longer the 737 Max remains grounded, the more the costs will mount up, for Boeing and for the airlines which were counting on using the new plane. But 346 lives have already been lost, and no-one - not Boeing, not the airlines and not the regulator - can afford another accident.

Preliminary reports into both ac-

Preliminary reports into both accidents have suggested they were triggered by a flight control system deploying at the wrong time, due to a sor. The FAA has been criticised for its lack of oversight and the certification process that cleared the (NESPAK) requires the services Pakistan (Pvt.) Limited (NESPAK) requires the services of environmental monitoring, sampling and testing of ambient air, background noise levels, and inking water and surface water for the subject Transmission Line (T/L) Project. T/L has been divided into Two (02) tots!—L. DT-1 and LD-2. Tentalvely for LD-1 eleven (11) locations have been identified for baseline ambient air quality and background noise levels monitoring, five (05) locations have been selected for drinking water and twelve (12) locations for surface water sampling and testing. For LD-72 nine (19) locations have been identified for baseline ambient air quality and background noise levels monitoring, seven (07) locations have been selected for drinking water and eight (08) locations for surface water sampling and testing. FLO (18) locations for surface water sampling and testing. eight (08) locations for surface water sampling and testing. LOT-1 Locations for sampling/monitoring are within the proximity Tehsil Balakot, Mansehra District and Tehsil Abbottaba District in the Knyber Pakhtunikhwa province. Whi LOT-2 Locations for sampling/monitoring are within the proximity Tehsil Abbettabab Abbottabab District in the Knyber Pakhtunikhu province and Tehsil Kotil Sattlyan, Murree & Kahuta, Rawija District in the Punjab province. The exact location of the points in both LOT-1 and LOT-2 shall be finalized after the award of the Obta LOT-1 and LOT-2 shall be finalized after the award of the open mental monitoring, sampling and testing can be download separately for each LOT from NESPAK (www.nespak.com.pk) at PPBA (www.nespak.com.pk) at PPBA (www.nespak.com.pk) at PBPA (www.nespak.com.pk

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Several injured in bomb attacks in Tunisia

A bomb attack occurred Thursday at the Rue Charles de Gaulle, near the French embassy in the capital Tunis, Tunisia's Interior Ministry said in a

statement. A suicide bomber blew himself up, injuring two police officers and three civilians.

"The victims were transported to the hospital to receive medical care," said the statement. Ten minutes after

the first attack, a second explosion hit the car park of the headquarters of the El Gorjani Counter-Terrorism Directorate in Tunis.

Directorate in Tunis.

According to the ministry, a young man attempted to commit a suicide bombing inside El Gorjani but was arrested by the police officers. He then blew himself up in the car park. "Four police officers were injured in this bomb attack," said the ministry statement.

statement. On Thursday morning, a "terror-ist group" attacked the broadcasting

Mosaique FM, a private radio station, quoted Mohamed Zekri, the informa-tion officer at the ministry of defense,

According to the source, the "ter-

According to the source, the 'ter-rorists' have opened fire at the sta-tion, which is protected by military units, and then fled.
"This attack did not cause any material damage or injury," said the source, adding that security and mili-tary units are conducting sween ontary units are conducting sweep operations in search of "terrorists.

NTERTAINMENT

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AGNES BY TONY COCHRAN





DILBERT BY SCOTT ADAMS







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PEANUTS









Crossword



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16. Holy scripture (5) 18. The best of various styles and ideas (8) 20. Coddled (8)

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29. Thin slab of linoleum (4)

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ARIES MAR 21 - APR 19

It's important to be more sensitive toward other people's feelings today, Aries. You may feel more vulnerable than usual. You should do what you can to keep from becom-ing a victim. Realize that harsh words coming your way now could be a reflection of the harsh words that you've dished out in the past. Ultimately, the events of today could be a good learning experience.



You're likely to be very aware of things going on around you today, and you may internalize the opin-ions of others, Taurus. Be careful about opening yourself up so much that you get hurt by someone's offhand, unflattering comment. You will find the most comfort in tangible and stable things. Enjoy the material pleasures in life.



GEMINI

You may be working on a large project that draws You may be working on a large project that draws on your creative energy, Gemini. In terms of long-term goals and dreams, this sort of project is right up your alley. Today you might hit a snag or some sort of emotional block that could make it hard for you to continue. Slow down and take a break. Don't get discouraged.



CANCER

Don't be surprised if someone rubs you the wrong way today, Cancer. It's likely that pressure has been building in other people's minds for quite some time. They might have been afraid to share their feelings before simply because they were too intimidated to say anything that might cross you. The molten lava has finally gotten hot enough and the volcano is about to erupt.



LEO JUL 23 - AUG 22 It's possible that you've relied on your imagination to pull you out of tough situations lately, Leo. When the real world begins to get you down, you can always turn to your fantasy world. On this day, there's a stubborn blast of realism that might bring you down and keep you there.
Unless you've prepared for this grounding force, you could have trouble lifting off again.



VIRGO AUG 23 - SEP 22

Relax and settle down today, Virgo. Take some time to enjoy where you are and the people around you. There's a promise that you need to fulfill, and you should think about how you can honor it now. Do something for others instead of keeping the focus on you and your goals and ambitions. The more you invest in others now, the bigger the payoff you will receive from these actions in the future.



You may be faced with a difficult choice today in a particular area of your life, Libra. It's likely the dilemma stems from a desire to follow your creative, imaginative spirit, while another part of you feels held down to things more practical and grounded. See what you can do to combine the two forces and fuse them into one powerful manifestation.



SCORPIO

Today a bubble of confusion clouds your reality, making it difficult to decide what to do next, Scorpio. Be careful that you don't tie your stomach in knots from the tension created by your mental confusion. Problems with indi-gestion are likely now because of your worries over what your next step should be. Relax and go with the flow. Things will work out fine.



SAGITTARIUS NOV 22 - DEC 21

Try not to be too swayed by your emotions today, Sagittar-ius. You might get in trouble if you get carried away with a drama that doesn't pertain to you in any way. Your connec-tion to other people's feelings could draw you into a maelstrom. Keep in mind that your imagination is your life raft. Do what you can to distance yourself from the emotional trauma that surrounds you.



CAPRICORN

Don't doubt yourself today, Capricorn. You should be feeling quite strong, although inadequacy could sneak into the picture. This could be because you're having trouble understanding issues that are rather cloudy. Just because things aren't clear doesn't mean they aren't working out in your favor. As long as you remain confident that things will come out fine, they will.



You're at a creative high point right now, so make sure to nurture this side of your being. Aquarius. It could be that you're in danger of running into an obstacle. Try not to get discouraged. Instead, it may be best for you to reflect on what you've done in the past. Enjoy emotional stabil-ity today instead of letting your emotions jump around from one thing to the next.



You're apt to be in a good mood today, Pisces. The roller coaster of feelings you've been on is finally coming to a stable platform. Get off the ride and enjoy the comfort of solid ground. Take a walk and treat yourself to something you enjoy - ice cream or a new book. Deal with practical issues instead of getting lost in your imagination. You will sleep more soundly tonight if you do.

Quick Read

NASA invites US students to name Mars 2020 rover



ANGELES (Xinhua): National Aeronautics Space Administra-(NASA) has selected two partner organizations to run a nationwide con-

to run a nationwide con-test giving U.S. students a chance to make history by naming the Mars 2020 rov-er, according to a release of NASA's Jet Propulsion Labo-ratory (IPL) on Tuesday. Battelle Education, of Co-lumbus, Ohio, and Future Engineers, of Burbank, Cali-fornia, will collaborate with NASA on the Mars 2020 "Name the Rover" contest, which will be open to stu-dents from kindergarten to 12th grade in the fall of dents from kindergarten to 12th grade in the fall of

The student contest is part of NASA's efforts to engage the public in its missions to the Moon and Mars. "We're very excited about

this exceptional partner-ship," said Mars 2020 program executive George Tahu in NASA's Planetary Science Division. "Contests like this present excellent opportunities to invite young students and educators to be a part of this journey to understand the possibilities for life beyond Earth and to advance new capabilities in exploration technology." The currently unnamed rover is a robotic scientist weighing more than 1,000 "Contests like

weighing more than 1,000 kg, according to the JPL. It will search for signs of past microbial life, characterwill search for signs of past microbial life, character-ize the planet's climate and geology, collect samples for future return to Earth and pave the way for human ex-ploration of the Red Planet. The spacecraft is targeted for a July 2020 launch and is expected to touch down on

expected to touch down on Mars in February 2021.



Demonstrators wave their smartphones during a rally ahead of the G20 summit.-GN

Russia denies role in Israeli GPS jamming

Russia has denied Israeli suggestions that it is behind disruption of GPS signals at Is-

rael's Ben Gurion airport. Since early June, GPS signals at the airport

Since early June, GPS signals at the airport have been unreliable for pilots and planes using the location.

The missing navigational data has had a "significant impact" on airport operations, said Israel's Airports Authority.

Russia's ambassador to Israel said the ac-cusation was "fake news" and could not be "taken seriously".

Signal source Signal source

The disrupted GPS signals had not caused The disrupted GPS signals had not caused any accidents or safety incidents, said the Airports Authority. It added that pilots could use the alternative Instrument Landing System when approaching and landing at the airport.

"It is a safe and professional method that is used every day in airports around the world," it said.

The GPS problem only affects aircraft in the sky over the airport, not ground-based

the sky over the airport, not ground-based sensors, the authority added.

It said it was contin uing to investigate the

urce of the disruption. The Israeli Airline Pilots Association said

the GPS problems were a "spoofing" attack that produces incorrect location data. This can mean receivers on planes sometimes reporting their location as miles away from

planes at the Hmeimim airbase in Syria, it said. The military base is about 350km (217 miles) north of Ben Gurion. Russia spoofed GPS signals when Vladimir

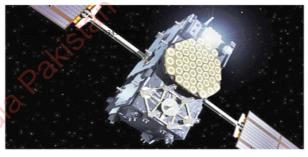
airbases and a naval base in the country. In 2015, when Syria was struggling against the rebels, Russia launched an air campaign, which turned the tide of the war in the Syrian regime's favour. Russia has maintained its air offensive since then,

maintained its air offensive since then, helping pro-government forces to rout the rebels and pin them down to the final province under their control, Idlib, in the north-west.

However, planes from the US-led coalition against the Islamic State group, and also periodically those from Israel, also operate in Syrian airspace. All sides have to take special measures to avoid mid-air incidents, which could have serious consequences. sequences.

sequences.
Despite the denials, Russia is known to have a long history of involvement in GPS spoofing and jamming, suggested a report released in April by the US Center for Advanced Defense.
It documented more than 10,000 separate incidents of GPS disruption and said Russia was "pioneering" the technique to "protect and promote its strategic interests".
Some of the disruption helped to kep drones away from Russian airports, said the

drones away from Russian airports, said the report, but it was also used to project a bub-



where they actually are. BBC Monitoring said Israeli IDF radio had quoted "high-ranking" sources as blaming Russia for the ontinuing disruption.

The disruption was linked to "electronic warfare" systems Russia used to protect its

Why is Russia in Syria? Russia is one of Syria's closest allies, with between the two countries stretching back decades.

Syria is strategically vital to Russia. It has

ble around senior government figures when they visited sensitive locations.

Huawei ships over 150,000 5G base stations worldwide

Huawei has completed 5G trials in more than 40 cities with China's major operators

GUANGZHOU

Huawei has received 50 contracts Huawei has received 50 contracts on 56 commercial services from 30 countries and regions, and shipped more than 150,000 5G base stations worldwide, the company announced. As of Saturday, Huawei has received 28 contracts from Europe, 11 from the Middle East, six from the Asia-Parific Review four from fur from the Asia-Pacific Region, four from the Americas, and one from Africa. said Hu Houkun, deputy chairman of the company's board of direc-

tors during a press conference held Wednesday. Hu added that the shipment of

Hu added that the shipment of the company's 5G base stations is expected to grow to about 500,000 by the end of this year.

As to whether the supply of 5G products will be affected by exter-nal sanctions, Hu said that alterna-tive solutions have been found for all the affected components, and the all the affected components, and the performance of the alternative solutions are the same as or even better than the original components. At present, Huawei's 5G technology so-

the sanctions. In terms of both signed contracts or those in the future, the contracts or those in the future, the company can fully guarantee a stable supply to its customers, Hu said. Earlier this month, China granted SG licenses for commercial use, marking the beginning of a new era in the country's telecommunication industry. Currently, Huawei has completed SG trials in more than 40 cities with China's major operators. China's with China's major operators. China's 5G market is expected to start small scale commercial use this year and large-scale commercial use next year



Plasma diagnostic system improved to ensure safe nuclear fusion



XINHUA BEIJING

Chinese researchers have improved a diagnostics system for nuclear fusion devices, paving the way for producing controlled thermonuclear fuower in the future

sion power in the future.

At the temperatures required for fusion reactions,
the matter can only exist in
the plasma state, free negative electrons and positive
nuclei. Some fusion reactors
use a magnetic field to con-

tions to take place. Plasma is hard to control and contain and is subject to sudden termination, usually with very little warning. When a disruption occurs, the considerable thermal and the considerable thermal and magnetic energy contained within the plasma is sud-denly released very quickly, which can lead to damages. Scattering of laser light from the electrons in plasma is known as Thomson scat-tering. It has been used as an

sure the electron tempera-ture and density in fusion devices, assisting in the identification of critical points of

the fusion plasmas. Researchers from Aero-Researchers from Aero-space Information Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Sciences and University of Science and Technology of China (USTC) tested their new Thomson scattering di-agnostic system in the Keda Torus eXperiment. a fusion Torus eXperiment, a fusion device at the USTC.

Quick Read

Madonna defends 'disturbing' aun video



a graphic music video depicting a nightclub massacre, saying people need to understand "this is what happens when people shoot".

people shoot."

The pop superstar's song God Control calls for people to "wake up" about the reality of gun violence in the US.

The scenes in the music video recall the 2016 Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando, Florida, where 49 people were killed.

Pulse survivor Pa-

ple were killed.
Pulse survivor Patience Carter said she
was "truly disturbed"
by the video.
The eight-minute video shows actors playing
revellers being shot and
lying lifeless and covered in blood in a fictional nightclub called
The Globe. The Globe

couldn't watch after the first 45 secs @Madonna," Cart-

secs @Madonna," Carter wrote on Twitter.
"There are so many creative avenues that could've been taken to bring awareness to gun control. The victims of these mass shootings should always be taken into consideration. I applaud the attempt, but I am truly disturbed."

Carlu Rau: Fame killed my joy



LOS ANGELES (GN): Carly Ray Jepsen says becoming famous made her lose he

love of music. The 33-year-old singer admitted her life changed admitted her life changed hugely thanks to her breakthrough single 'Call Me Maybe' - which was released in September 2011 - and eventually performing on stage felt more of a "responsibility" than something pleasureable. She said: "After 'Call Me Maybe', my life was such a blur. "It was a new thing to be recognised every-

to be recognised every-where and I started to feel the pressures of the way

my life had changed. "You have to be careful, it's "You have to be careful, it's easy to lose yourself in fame and be swallowed up by people's perception of you. I was losing my happiness.
"My idea of joy - singing on stage - started to feel like a great responsibility." Carly decided to take a step back and figure out.

step back and figure out what mattered, as well as

what mattered, as well as finding her passion again. She added to Q magazine: "That's why I took so much time making [2015 album] 'Emotion'. "I wanted to get back to what connected me to music in the first place.

Up, close & personal with Sara Bhatti

FAIZAN JAVED LAHORE

Sara Bhatti made a phenomenal come-back with her power-packed perfor-mance in Dawar Mehmood and Anwar Maqsood's theatre play Naachna Jaane a prequel to Aangan Terha (the hit TV series from the 1980s).

series from the 1980s). Her strong stage presence left the viewers in awe and going by the social media reactions it's quite evident to note that the people are impressed by her performance and want to see her proper.

and with her effortless acting made her presence mark.

The question remains how challeng-The question remains how challenging was it for her in stepping into the legendary artist's shoes? She opined, "Learning the language, the mannerism and acting out the age of someone who is so vastly unlike you are challenges for any actor. My character is an Urdu speaking, 40 year old married woman with no children. The character couldn't be more different than me. The age, the family, environment, everything is in stark contrast to mine. Not only did I have to master the Urdu language but the mannerism and exlanguage but the mannerism and ex-pressions of someone coming from her pressions of someone coming from her background and age as well," she add-ed, "Bushra Ansari performed the char-acter at my age. She was also young and she was also new at that time. I have al-ways looked up to her. She's an amazing actress and an inspiration." When asked how she was ap-proached for the role, the artiste re-vealed that Yasir Hussain in a gathering at a mutual friend told her a little about

at a mutual friend told her a little about the character and said that she would be the perfect fit for the character.



"I don't know if I was perfect for it then, but after immense hard work it's hearten-ing to see people loving my performance." The artiste expressed her satisfaction on her brilliant on screen chemistry with Hus-sain. "I learnt a lot from him both on and off state."

Bhatti said that she is humbled to see

Bhatti said that she is humbled to see praises all across the board and disclosed that her fans should be rest assured that they will be soon seeing her in TV dramas and other mediums of performing arts.

"As an artist, any medium that helps me express myself is a blessing. Theatre, screen acting, painting, writing, directing, you will be seeing me doing all these things in the future. Most of them I'm already do-ing." she said.

ing," she said.

The rising performer called theater, 'an m', as she believes that with no cuts and retakes it's a place where the artiste finds a space to show what he/she is capable of. "It's absolutely mind blowing. Once you're on stage you're in your own, she added.

she added.

Sara said that with Pakistani cinema finally producing quality content, she is now open to the idea of doing films given she is offered quality script and a sub-

stantive role.
"Film is how I started my acting. The camera has and will always be my first love. It's also where I am most comfortable, I am

It's also where I am most comfortable, I am happy when my expression is felt and understood by the viewer," she said.

Bhatti has studied screen acting at the Pinewood Studios, London, and has also worked in an Indian film. She was recently seen in a telefilm and a drama play. Reports suggest that she is currently in talks for a film.

The actress said that she will soon launch her online channel in coming days. "It's an exciting project. My fans will get to see a number of aspects of my life in a very fun and lively production."

Frieha Altaf to be show director for LSA

talents, Frieha Altaf who has long been associated with the LUX Style Awards (LSA) is the official show director for

(LSA) is the official show director for LSA 2019 that is scheduled to take place in July next month.

After a successful run last year where she orchestrated two grand segments at the show, she is brew-ing another star-studded yet glam-orous flow of activities and elabo-rate performances full of flair and star power for this sears, show.

star power for this year's show. Frieha's diverse talents and her immense experience within the Enimmense experience within the En-tertainment and Fashion Industry is what makes her the ideal match for putting together the most coveted awards night Pakistan witnesses. Speaking on this occasion, she said,



me great pleasure to re turn to LSA as Show Director. LSA is the single, most prestigious, non aligned platform that ho lence from the Fashion, Film, Music and Television and I'm glad I'm a part of the 18th LUX Style Awards. Having been associated with the

LSA for numerous years, I always aim to bring forth Pakistan's best each year. While I cannot reveal the each year. While I cannot reveal the details about LSA '19, I can prom-ise you all a thrilling and glamor-ous show with performances that will certainly showcase the best of our entertainment and fashion in-

introduced new talent and honored legends, merged music and fashion and dance and drama to re-create some of the most iconic moments for Pakistan's entertainment indus for Pakistan's entertainment indus-try. From Shabnam to Saba Qamar, from Nadeem Baig sahib to Huma-yun Saeed, from Mehnaz and Nahid Akhtar to Aima Baig, from Niloufer Shahid to Sana Safinaz every big star and major player has had a role to showcase the best of Pakistan. For the 18th edition, Frieha Altaf's Catwalk is working with the many yanningth presonalities who plan Catwalk is working with the many prominent personalities who plan tirelessly to bring forth a seamless show to the audience. Time and again, she instituctively and intuitively addsunique elements to the many signature performances at the LUX Style Awards and we wait in anticipation to find out!



It gives me great pleasure to return to LSA as Show Director. says Frieha

Cardi B wants to leave own 'mark in fashion'

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Cardi B wants to leave her own "mark in fashion". The 26-year-old rapper is known for her bold and vivacious red carpet looks and her long-time stylist, Kollin Carter - who worked Kollin Carter - who worked with her before she shot to fame in 2017 with hit single 'Bodak Yellow' - has revealed her client has "no ego" and will work with her favourite go-to designer's alongside up-and-coming brand's to showcase their

work. He said: "I feel like it's one of those things where we really understand one And sometimes I'll push a bit or she'll push I'll push a bit or she'il push when it comes to ideas, like, she'll be down to do something but maybe a little hesitant or, like, she'll bring something to me, like, I wanna do this and it's like, 'Uh, I don't kno I don't think we should I don't think we should do that." And then you know, vice versa. It's one of those things where it's really like versation with no ego and it's an honest conversa

The stylist added how the 'Please Me' hitmaker turns to "history" for inspiration. He continued: "We pull

from a lot of things we've been inspired by in the past, the history of fashion.



Salma Hayek eyed for Marvels The Eternals

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Salma Hayek is set to star in 'The Eter-

The 'From Dusk till Dawn' star is reportedly preparing to enter the Mar-vel Cinematic Universe with a role in the upcoming mysterious project, which is set to enter production at which is set to enter production at the end of summer. According to The Wrap, the 52-year-old actress is still in negotiations for an unknown role in the blockbuster and has yet to sign a deal to star alongside the likes of Keanu Reeves and Richard Madden. Although Reeves' role also remains unknown, it was previously claimed the 'Rocketman' star was in talks to play lkaris, who is fuelled by cosmic energy in the movie, with one plot line of the film involving a love story between his character and Sersi, who between his character and Sersi, who

relishes moving amongst humans.

Ma Dong-Seok was also reported to have joined the cast, along with Ange-

have joined the cast, along with Ange-lina Jolie.

The 48-year-old actor - who is best known to audiences for 2013 zom-bie thriller "Train To Busan" - and 44-year-old Jolie's parts are too being kept under wraps for the time being.



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